

MARVEL
NOW!



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SHARE YOUR
UNIVERSE

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Q: ...

A: WHOA, THERE! Welcome to A+X, the team-upiest comic ever made! We take one Avenger and one X-Men and SMASH THEM together to see what SHAKES OUT!

Q: ...

A: What's that? You're worried you're not CAUGHT UP on the characters' CURRENT SERIES? Well, DON'T YOU WORRY! All you need to know is there are GOOD GUYS and BAD GUYS and the GOOD GUYS are the ones with LOGOS!

Q: ...

A: GREAT QUESTION! The first story features the Avengers' super-spy BLACK WIDOW alongside the X-Men's super-thief FANTOMEX deep in the heart of MOTHER RUSSIA!

Q: ...

A: THAT'S RIGHT, there IS a whole other story after that! That one is hex-casting Avenger SCARLET WITCH working with x-tra lucky X-Lady DOMINO to SAVE THE ENTIRE EARTH!

Q: ...

A: Er, I didn't quite catch that, but THIS COMIC IS GOING TO BE AWESOME! Now let's READ IT!



**BLACK
WIDOW**

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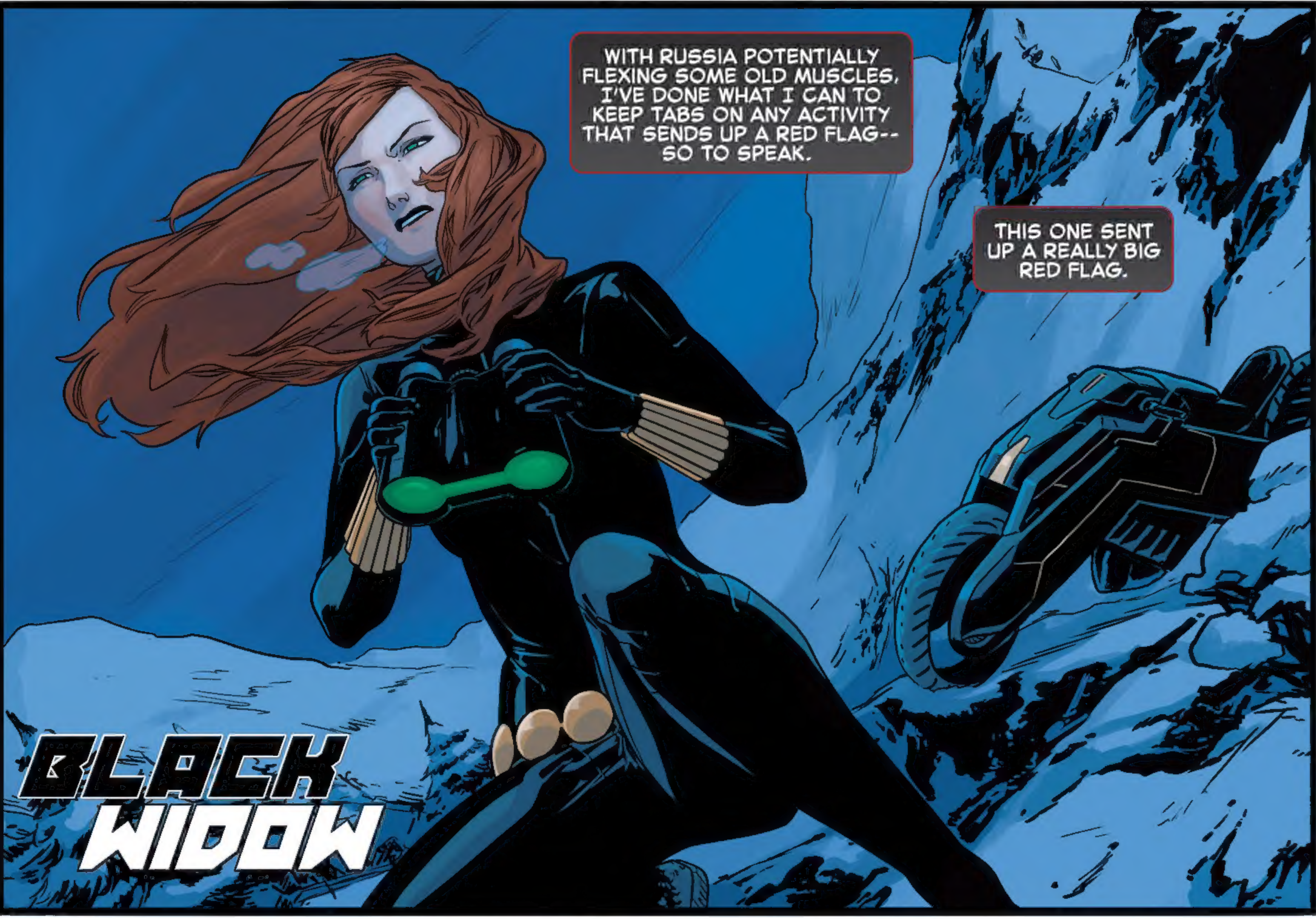
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BESTUZHEV IS ONE OF COUNTLESS RUSSIAN GHOST TOWNS, MOST ABANDONED AT THE END OF THE COLD WAR, THEIR NECESSITY STRIPPED AWAY BY THE COLLAPSE OF THE OLD SOVIET UNION.

IT WAS ABANDONED LATER THAN THAT--IN THE LATE NINETIES, WHEN THE STATE-OWNED COMPANY THAT SUPPORTED THE TOWN WAS ABRUPTLY SHUT DOWN.



WITH RUSSIA POTENTIALLY FLEXING SOME OLD MUSCLES, I'VE DONE WHAT I CAN TO KEEP TABS ON ANY ACTIVITY THAT SENDS UP A RED FLAG--SO TO SPEAK.

THIS ONE SENT UP A REALLY BIG RED FLAG.

**BLACK
WIDOW**



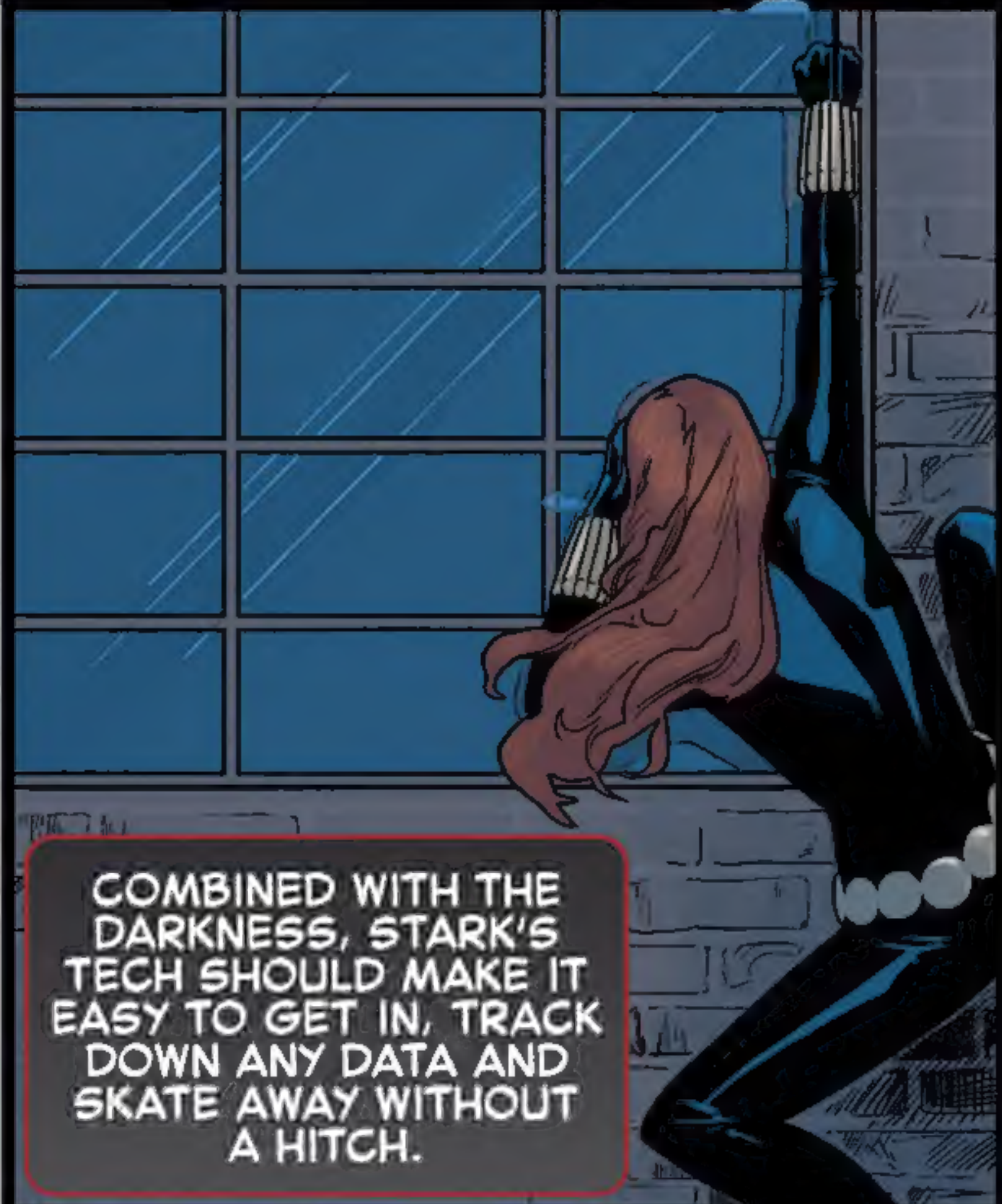
IT COULD JUST BE SMOKE, BUT I'VE HEARD FROM MORE THAN ONE SOURCE THAT LINKS RECENT ACTIVITY IN BESTUZHEV TO FORMER RED ROOM DIRECTORS.

RUMBLINGS ABOUT A DRIVE THAT CONTAINS THE DIGITALIZED DNA OF VIRTUALLY EVERY STATE-SPONSORED HERO TO EMERGE FROM RUSSIA IN THE PAST TWO DECADES.



MY RED ROOM TRAINING TURNED ME INTO A MASTER SPY, BUT IT ALSO ROBBED ME OF A NORMAL LIFE. I'D LIKE TO SPARE AS MANY AS I CAN FROM GOING THROUGH WHAT I DID BEFORE I BROKE AWAY.

I WAS FORTUNATE TO ULTIMATELY LAND WITH THE AVENGERS. SPEAKING OF, I MAY NOT ALWAYS SEE EYE-TO-EYE WITH TONY STARK, BUT HE MAKES THE BEST TOYS.

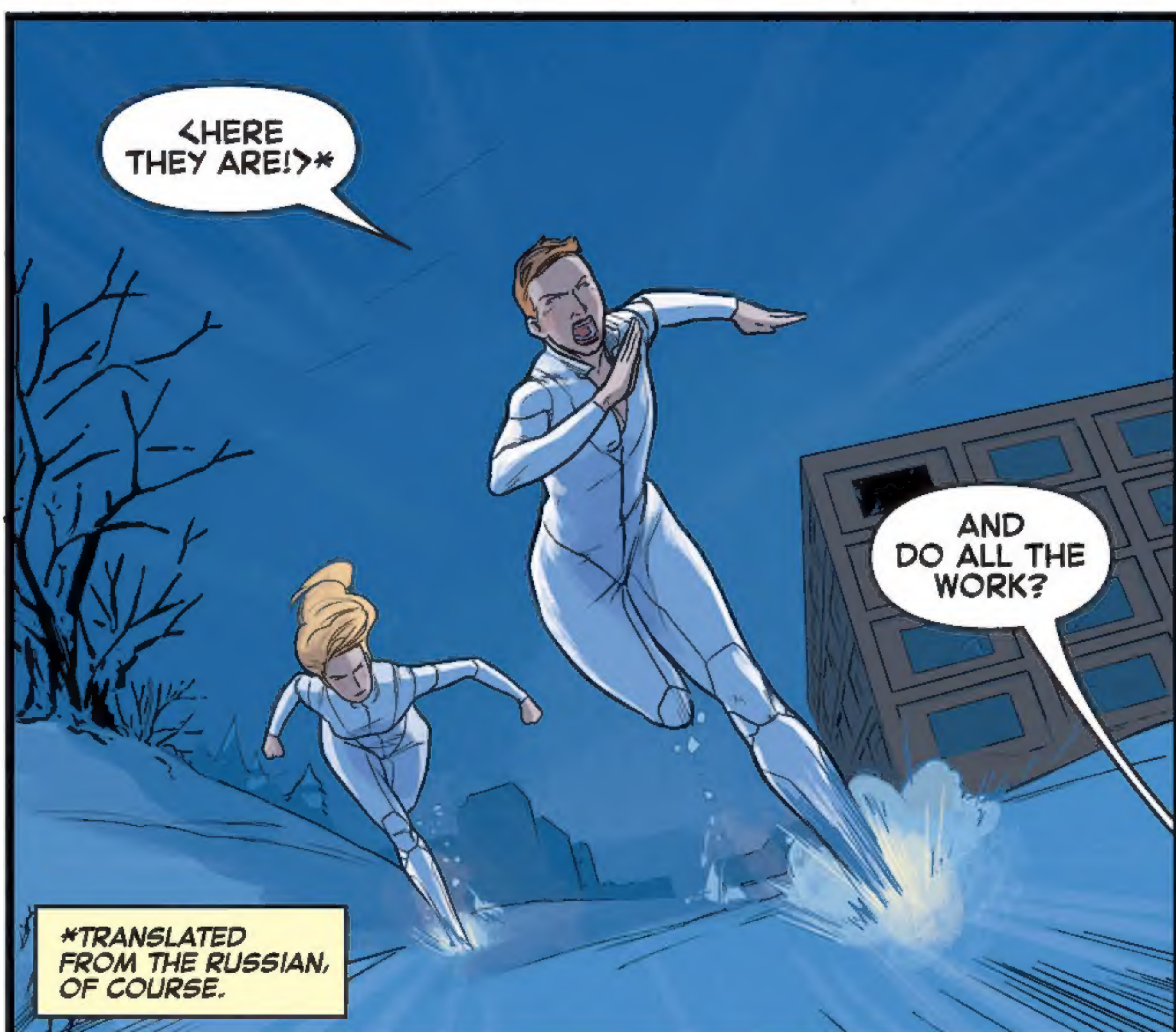
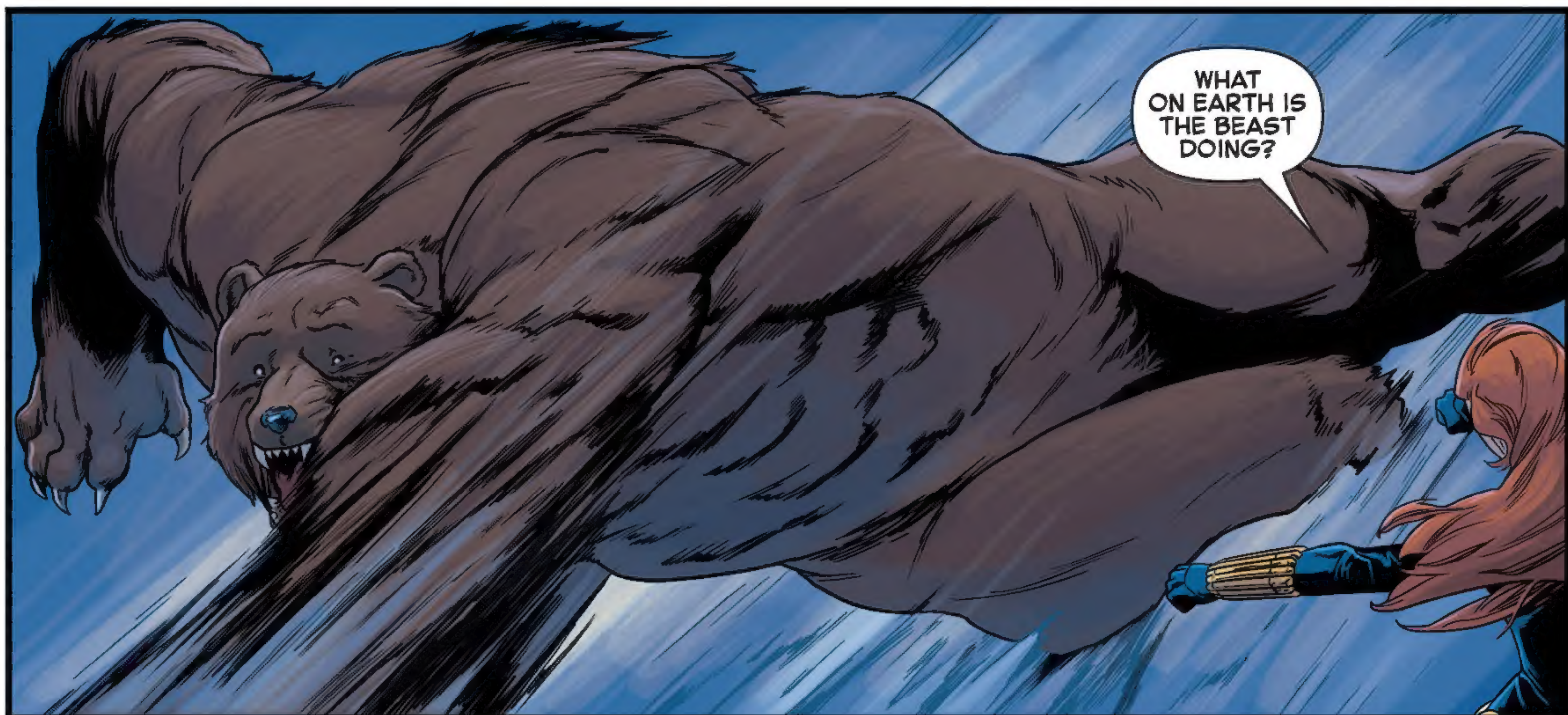
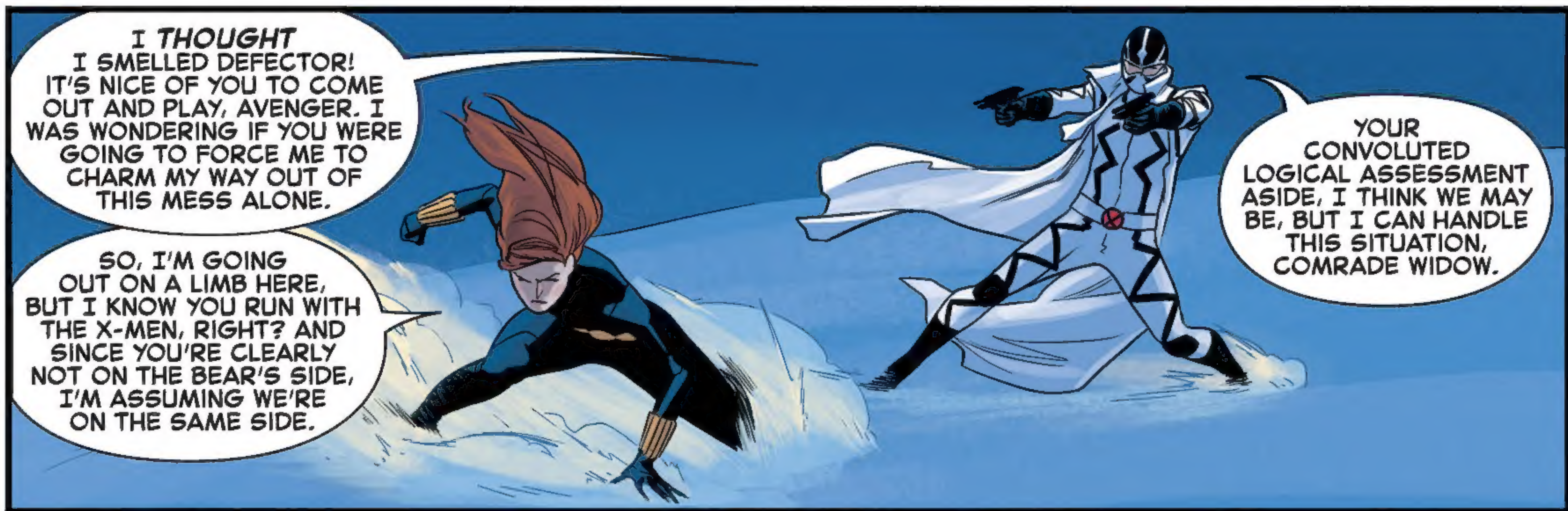


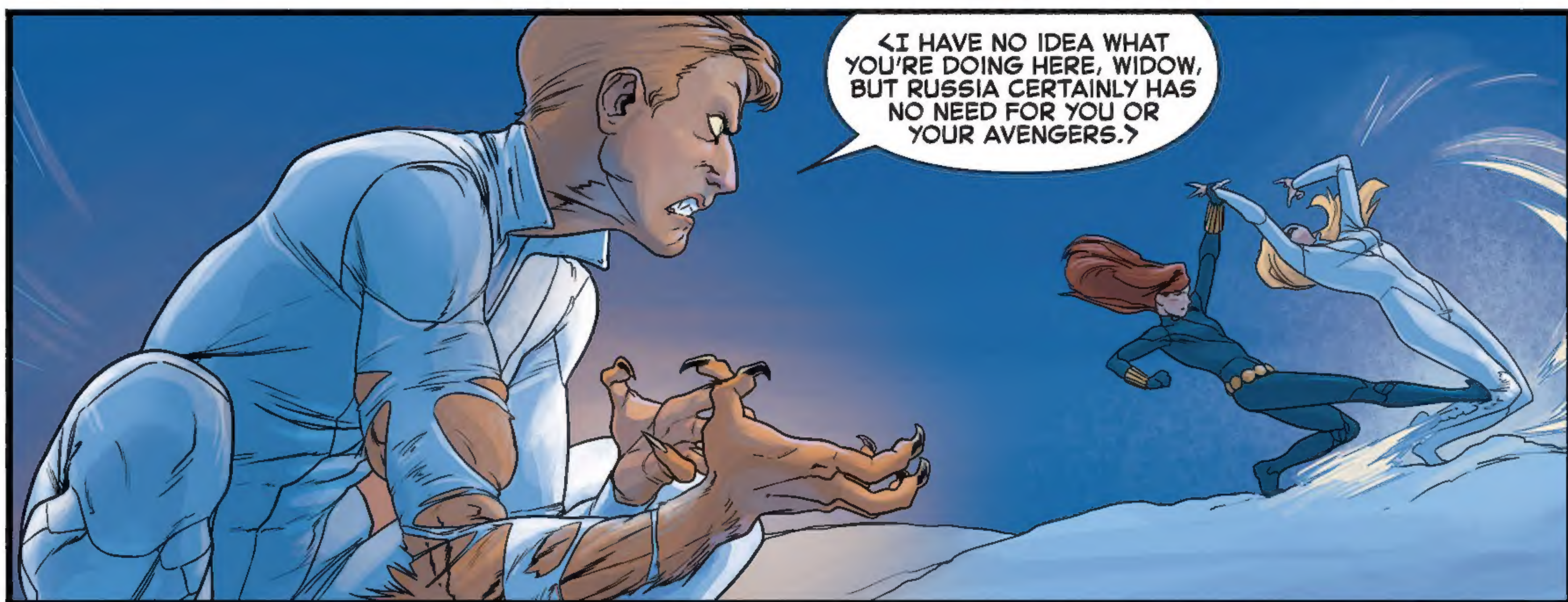
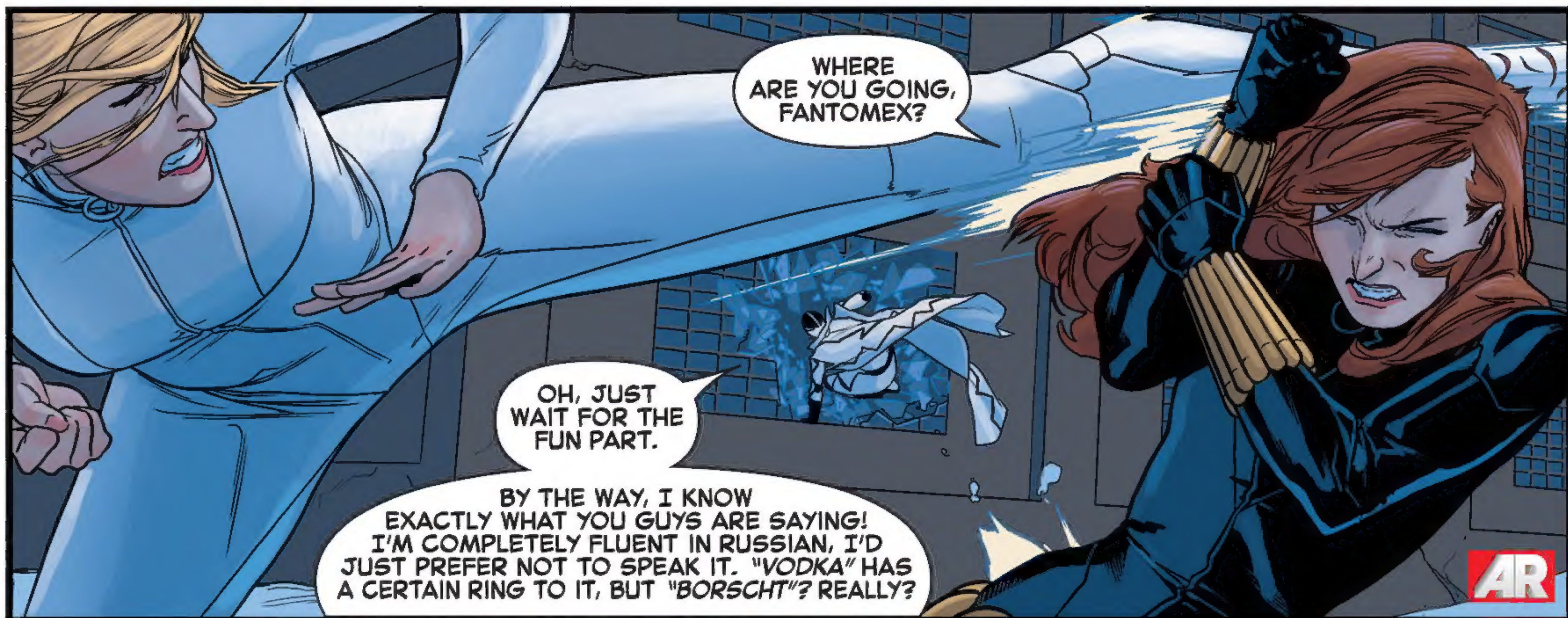
COMBINED WITH THE DARKNESS, STARK'S TECH SHOULD MAKE IT EASY TO GET IN, TRACK DOWN ANY DATA AND SKATE AWAY WITHOUT A HITCH.

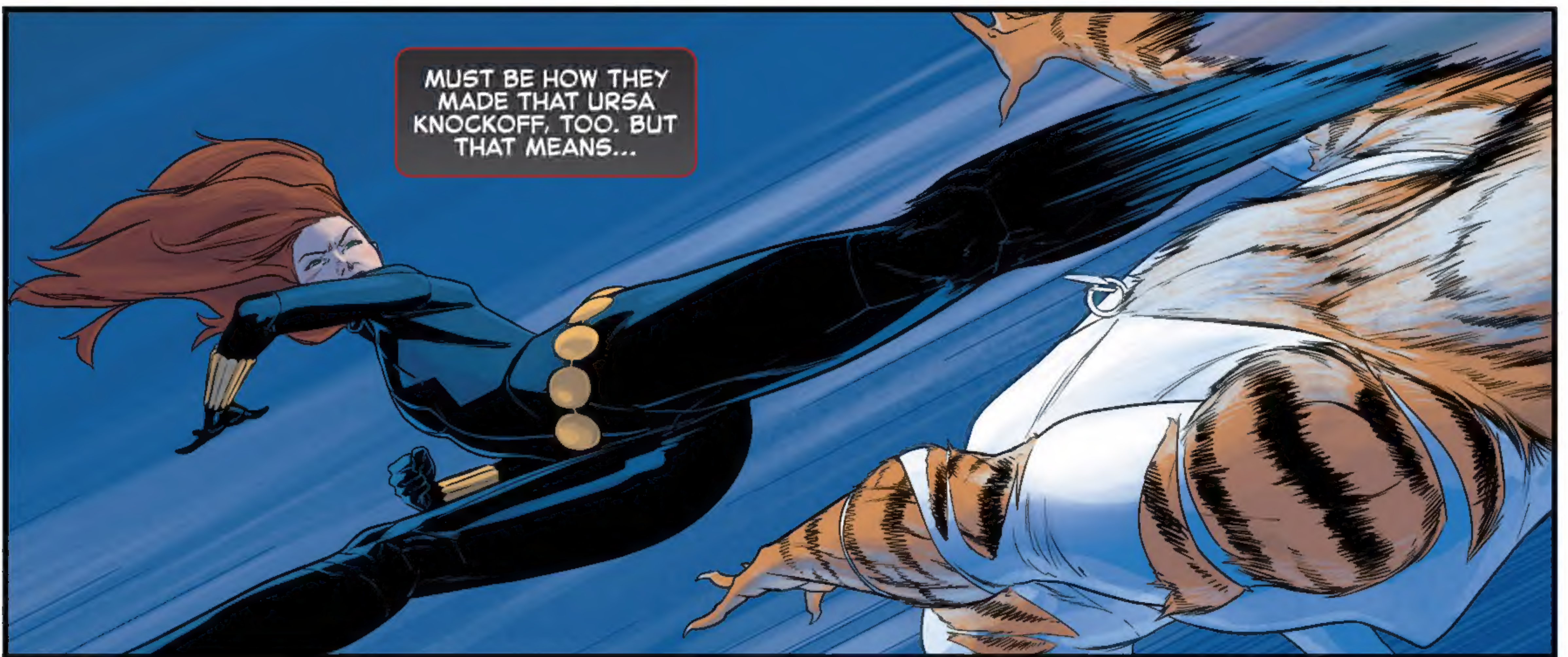
EXCEPT...

WHAT--?











<I THINK YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH DARK MATTER, "SISTER"?>



<COME-- WHILE SHE'S DOWN! LET'S FINISH HER OFF!>

<I--I THOUGHT THAT WOULD FINISH HER OFF.>

OOF. DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING. DARK MATTER WAS THE STUFF **DARKSTAR** THREW AROUND WHEN WE WERE IN THE CHAMPIONS TOGETHER.



DRAMATIC EXIT!



MY BEST ADVICE WOULD BE TO GET UP AND RUN, NATASHENKA. AND I MEAN RUN NOW.



RUN FROM
WHAT?

I'LL
GLADLY TELL
YOU--RIGHT
AFTER--



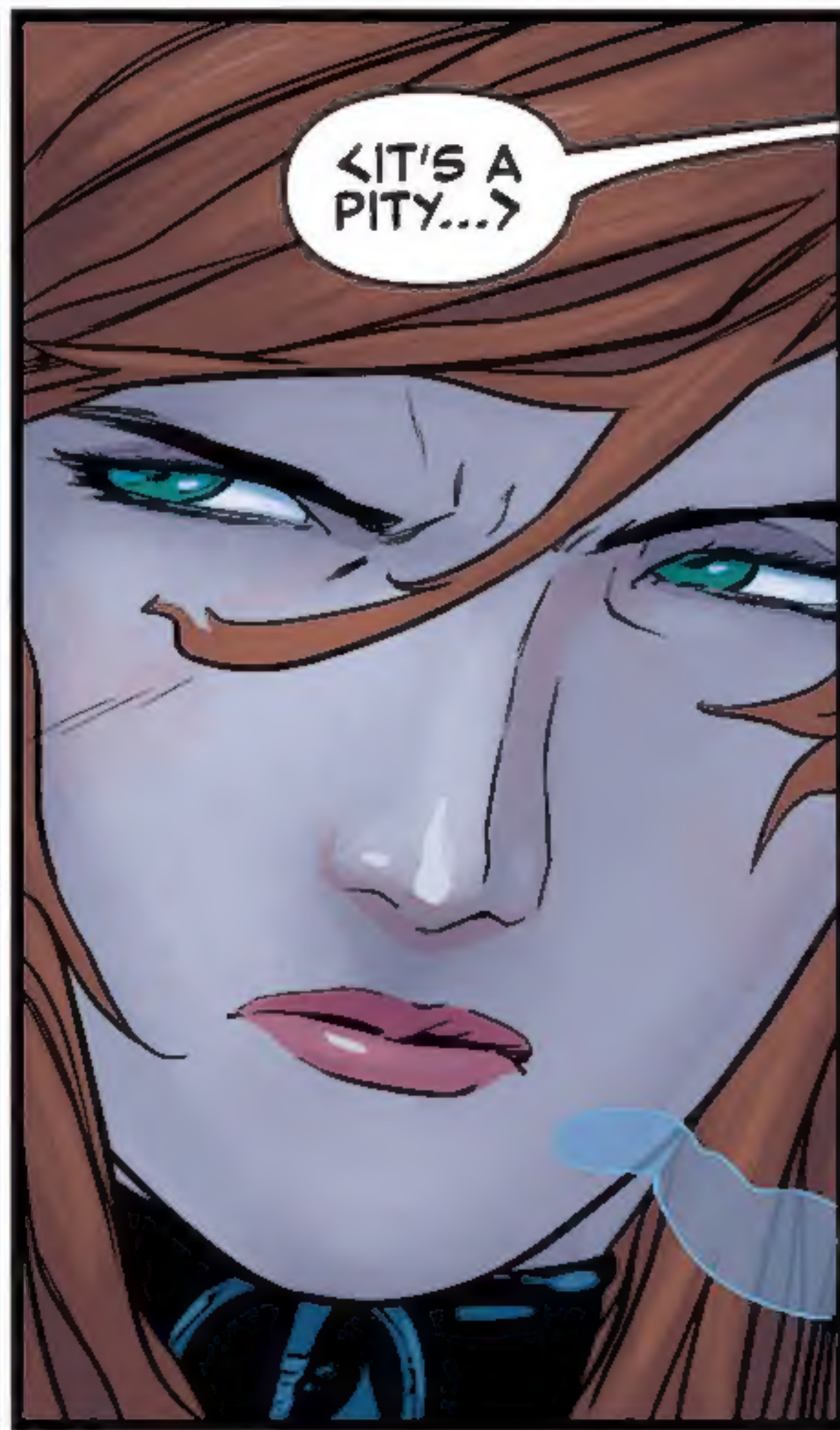
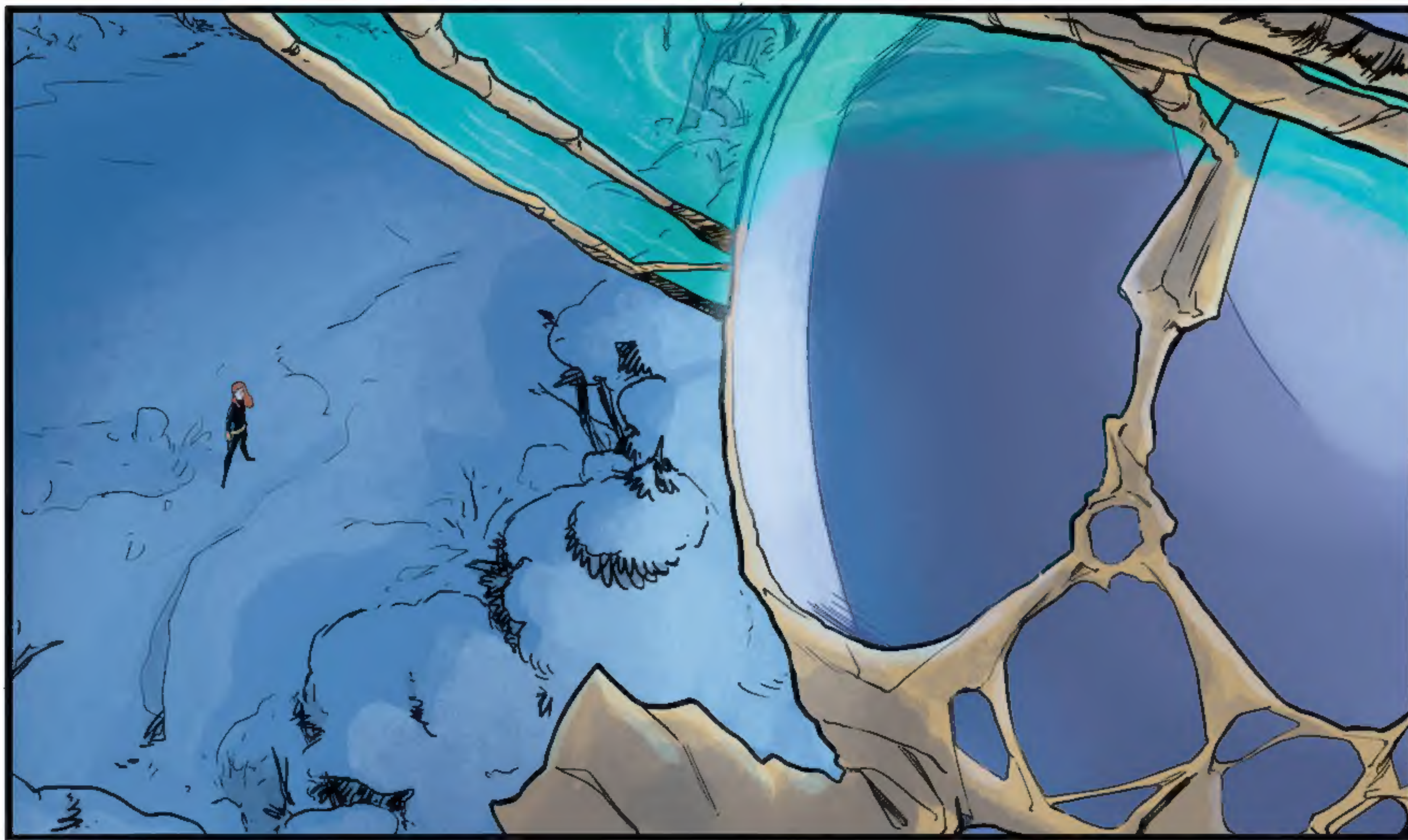
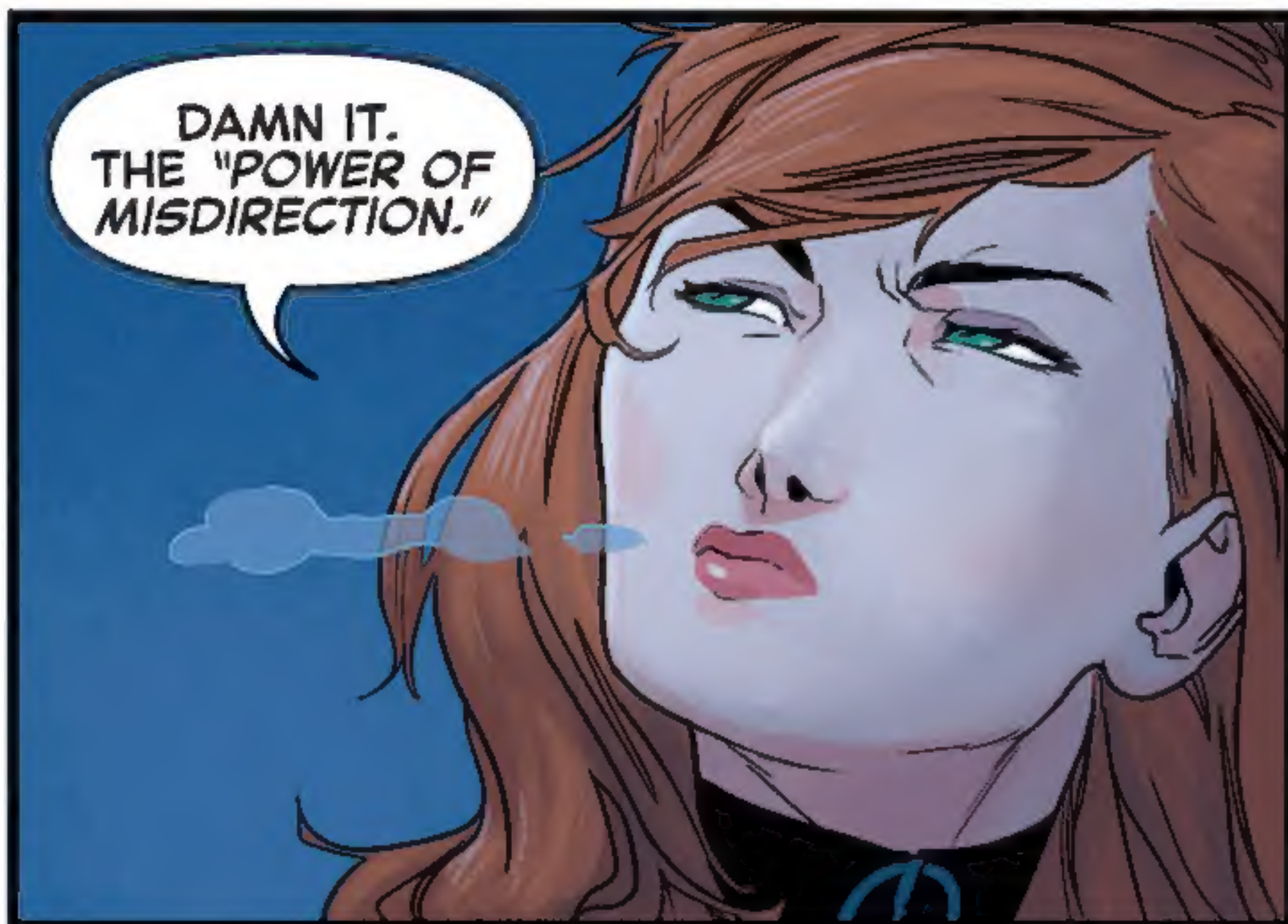
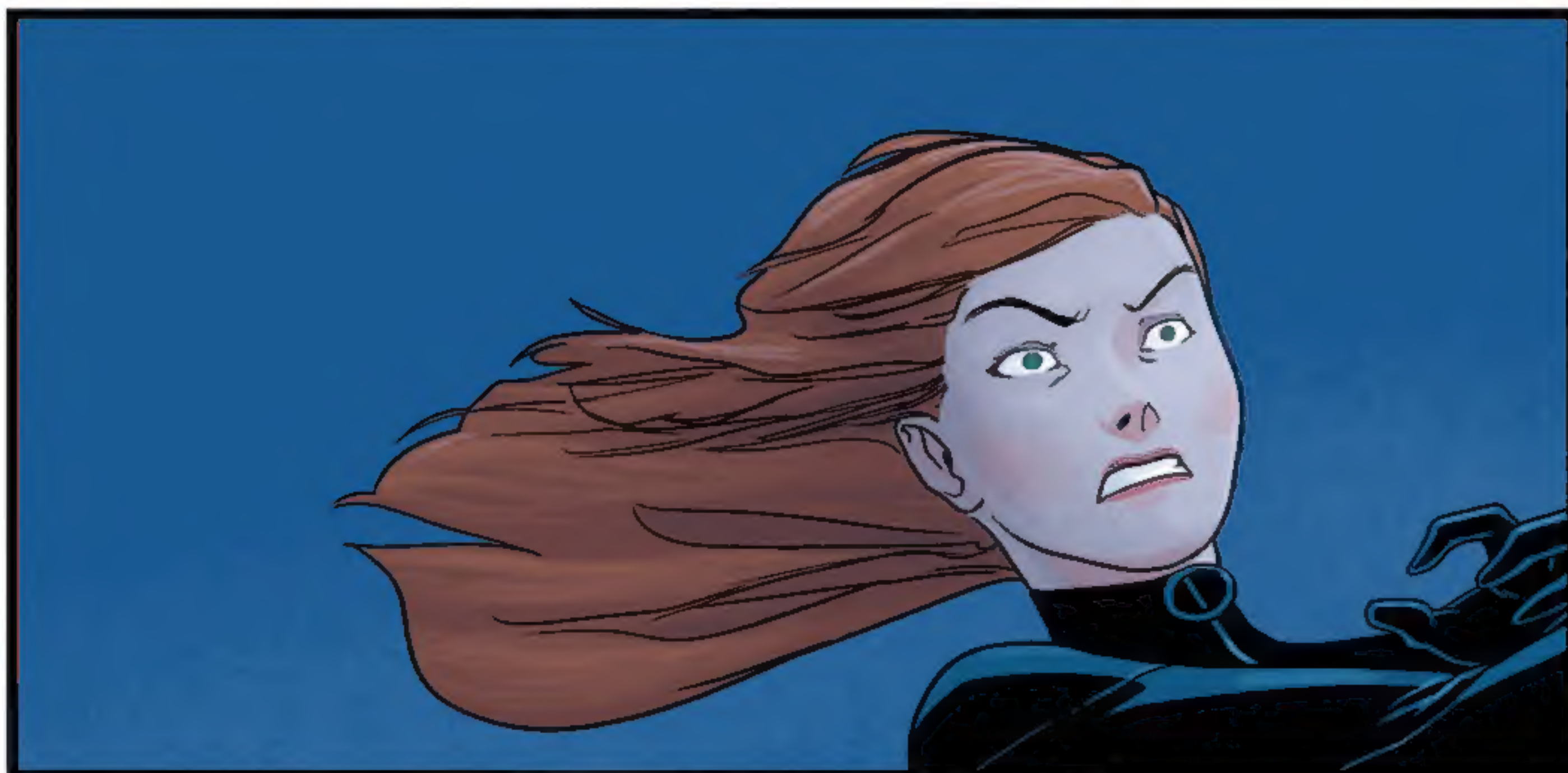
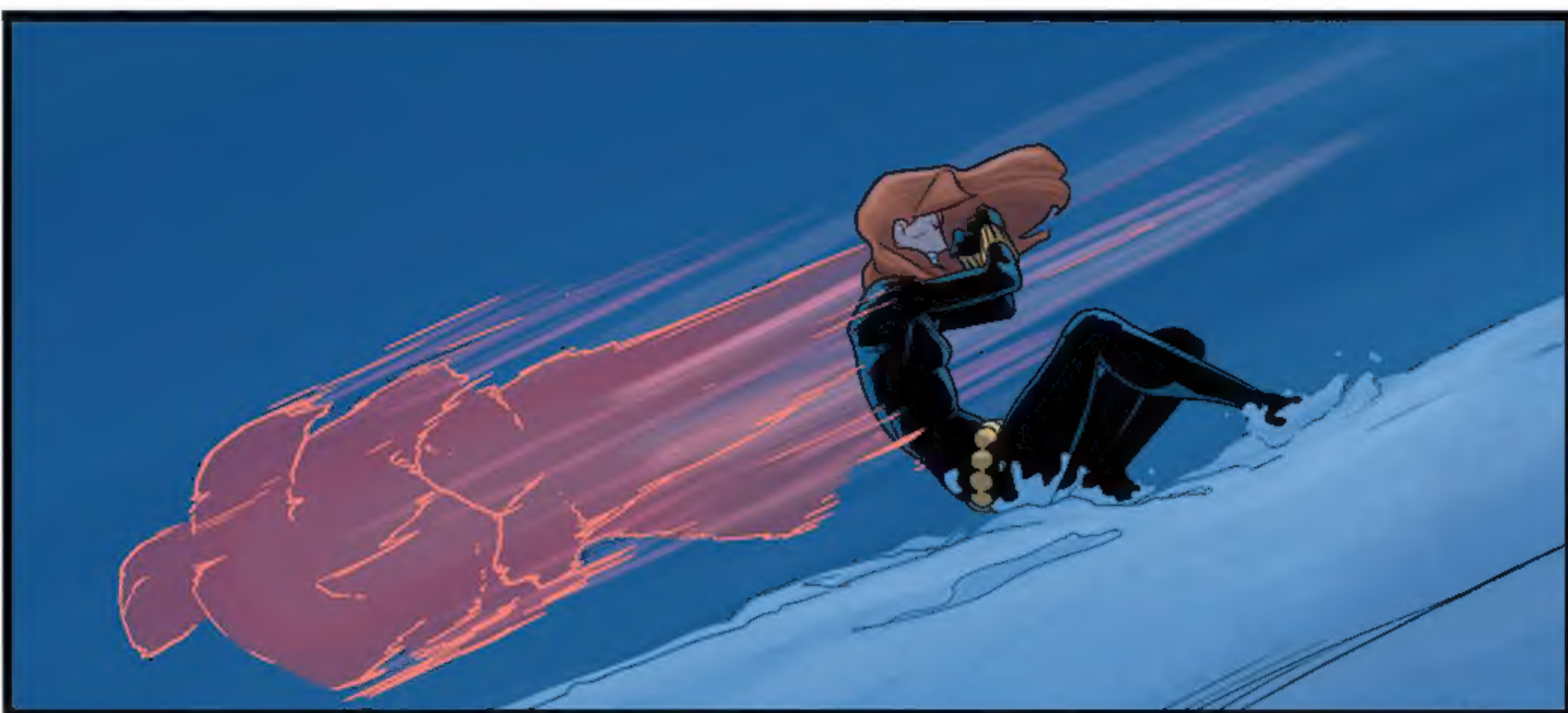
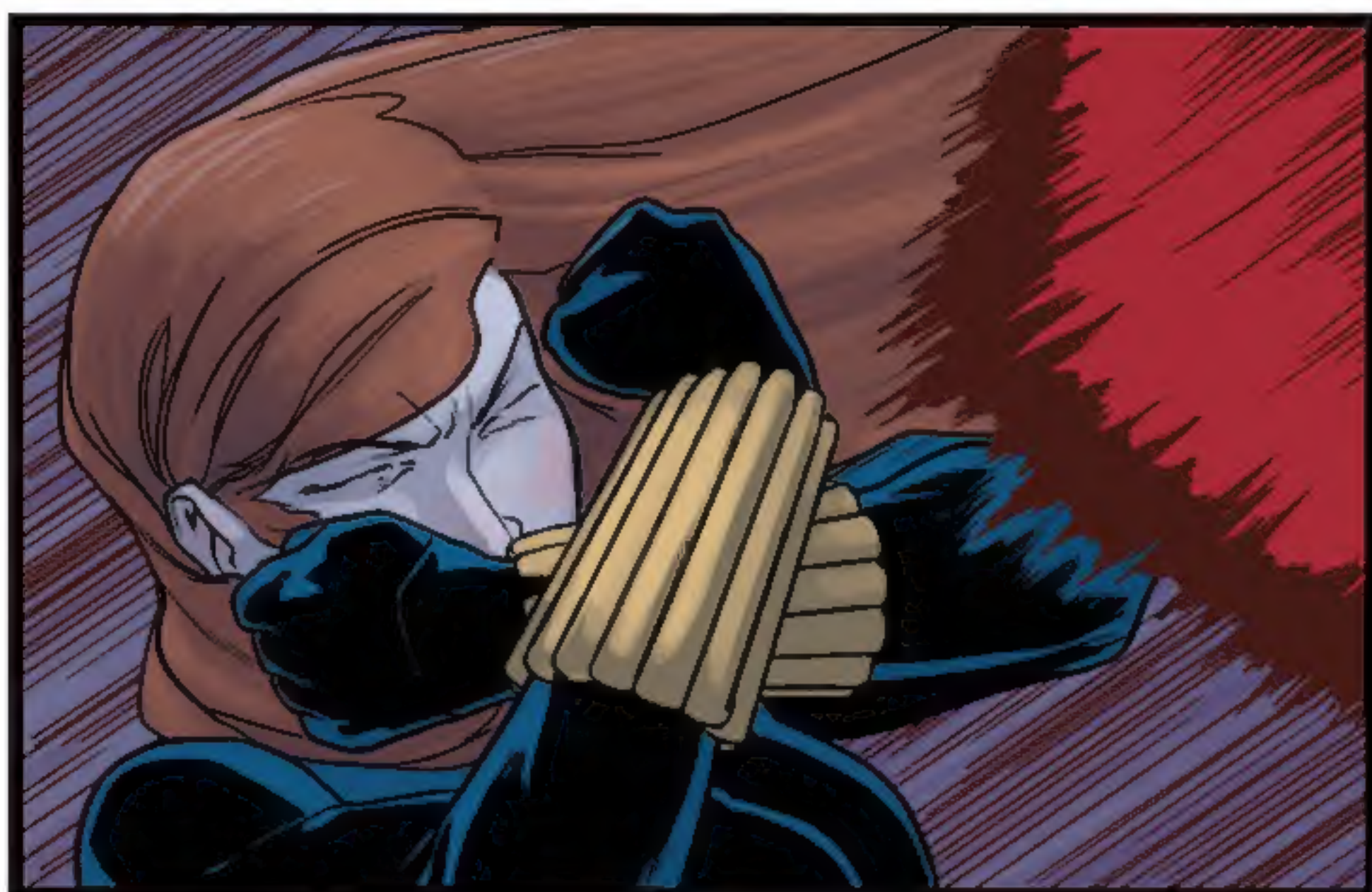
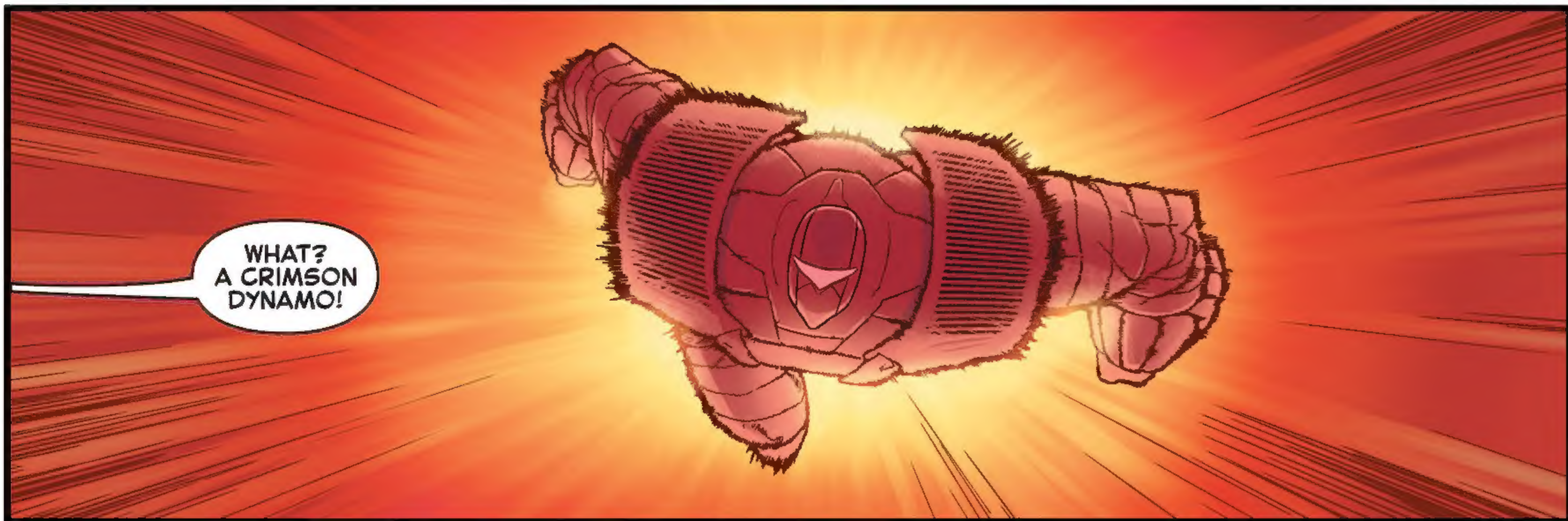
NOW
THAT'S AN
EXIT CUE!

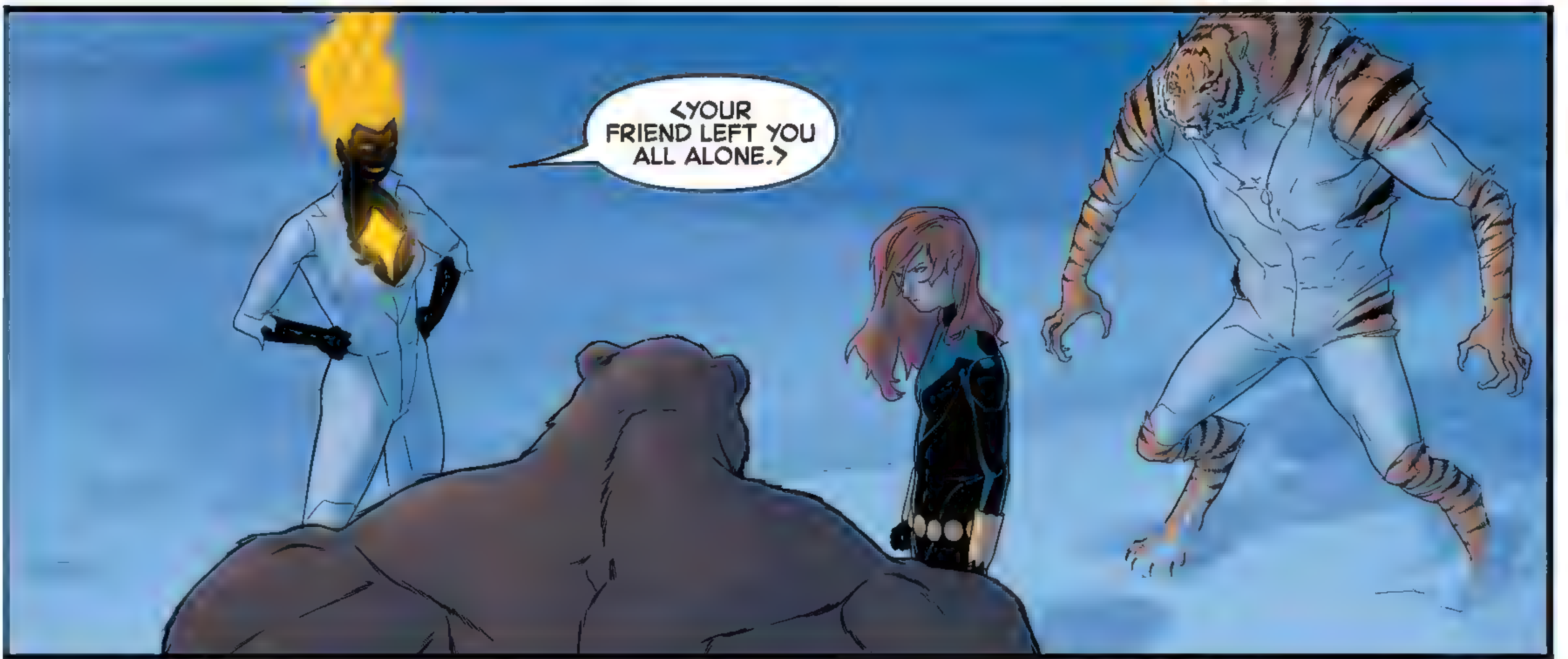
NO WAY
ARE YOU
LEAVING WITH
THAT CASE.



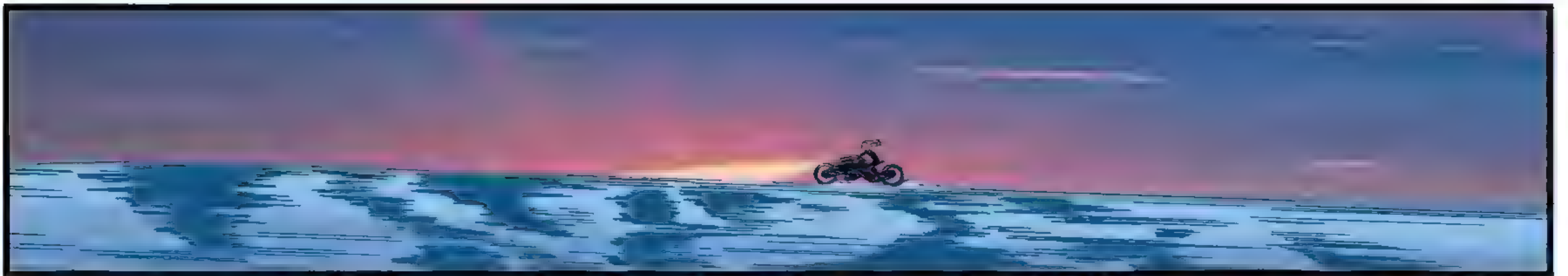
YOU DON'T
HAVE MUCH OF
A CHOICE. LOOK
BEHIND YOU.







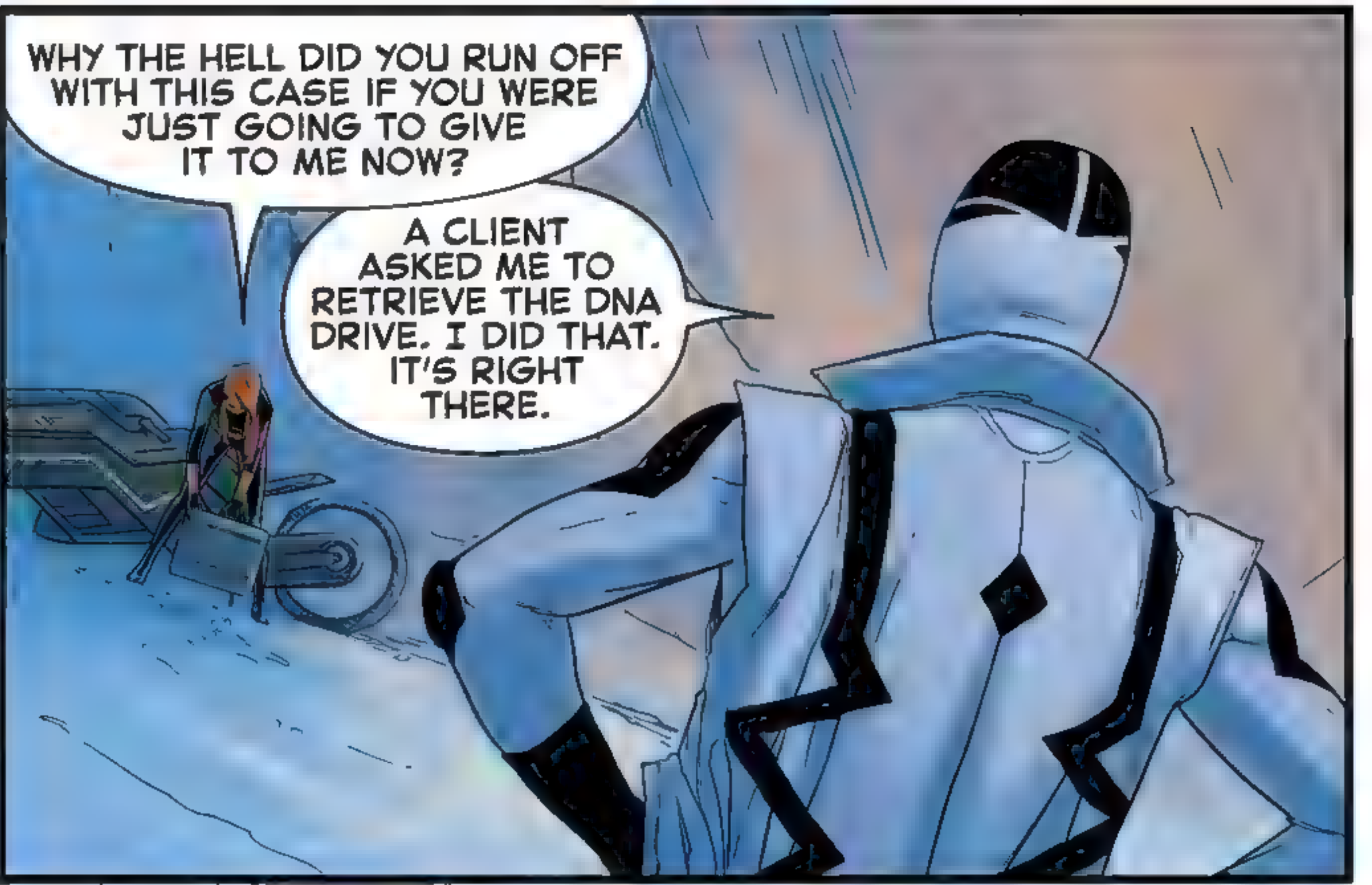
FIVE MINUTES LATER





WHY THE HELL DID YOU RUN OFF
WITH THIS CASE IF YOU WERE
JUST GOING TO GIVE
IT TO ME NOW?

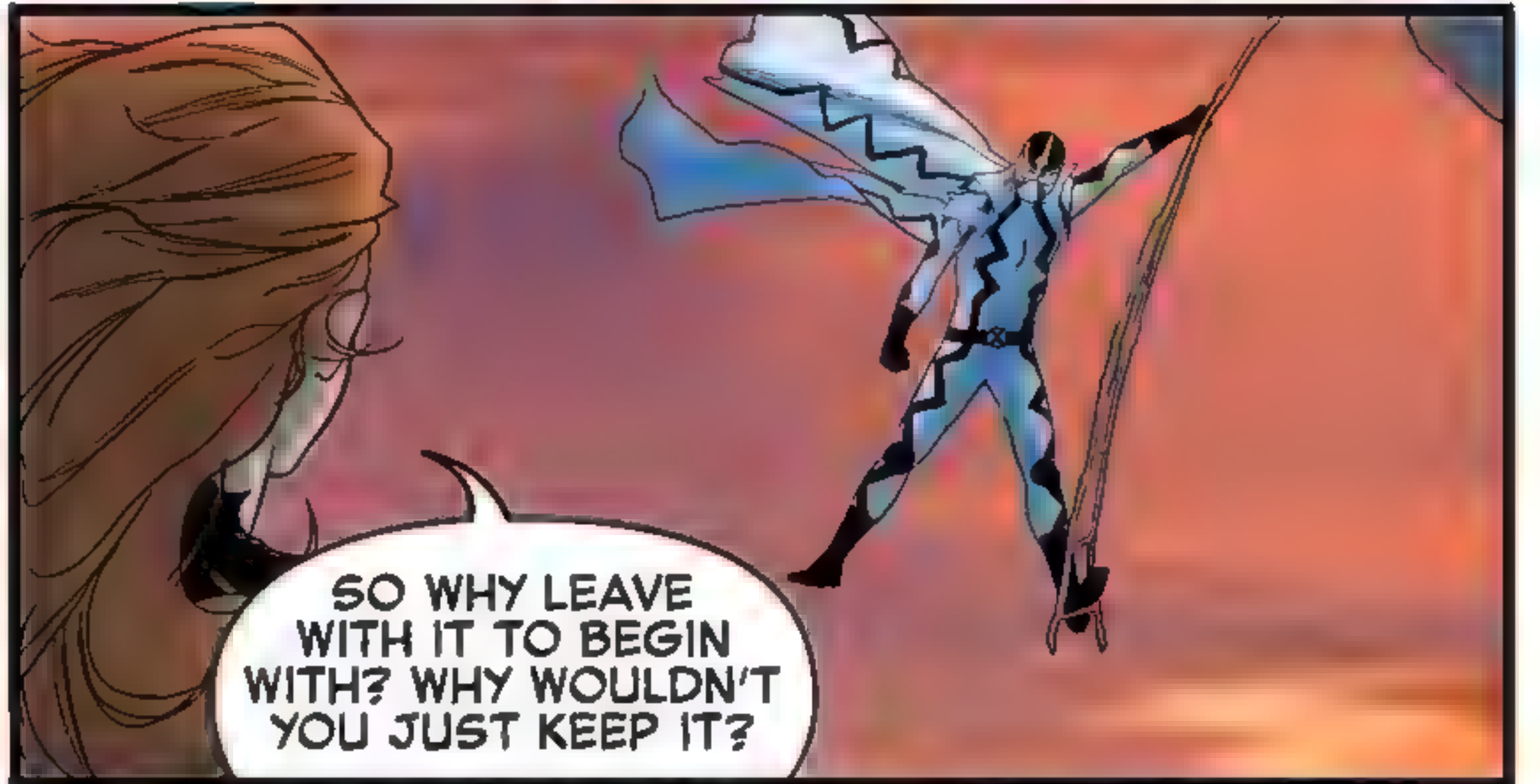
A CLIENT
ASKED ME TO
RETRIEVE THE DNA
DRIVE. I DID THAT.
IT'S RIGHT
THERE.



BUT I HAVE ISSUES
WITH THE GOVERNMENT--
ANY GOVERNMENT--
TAMPERING WITH
SOMEONE'S DNA TO
TURN THEM INTO
WEAPONS. MAYBE
YOU CAN RELATE.

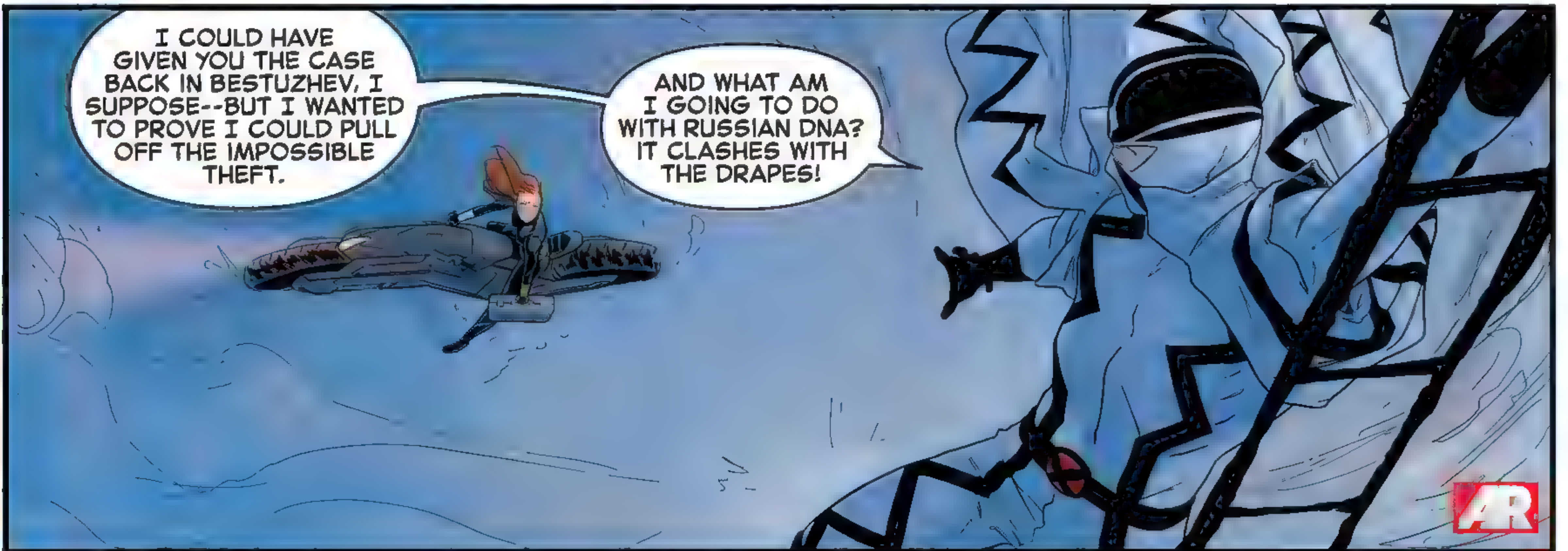


SO WHY LEAVE
WITH IT TO BEGIN
WITH? WHY WOULDN'T
YOU JUST KEEP IT?

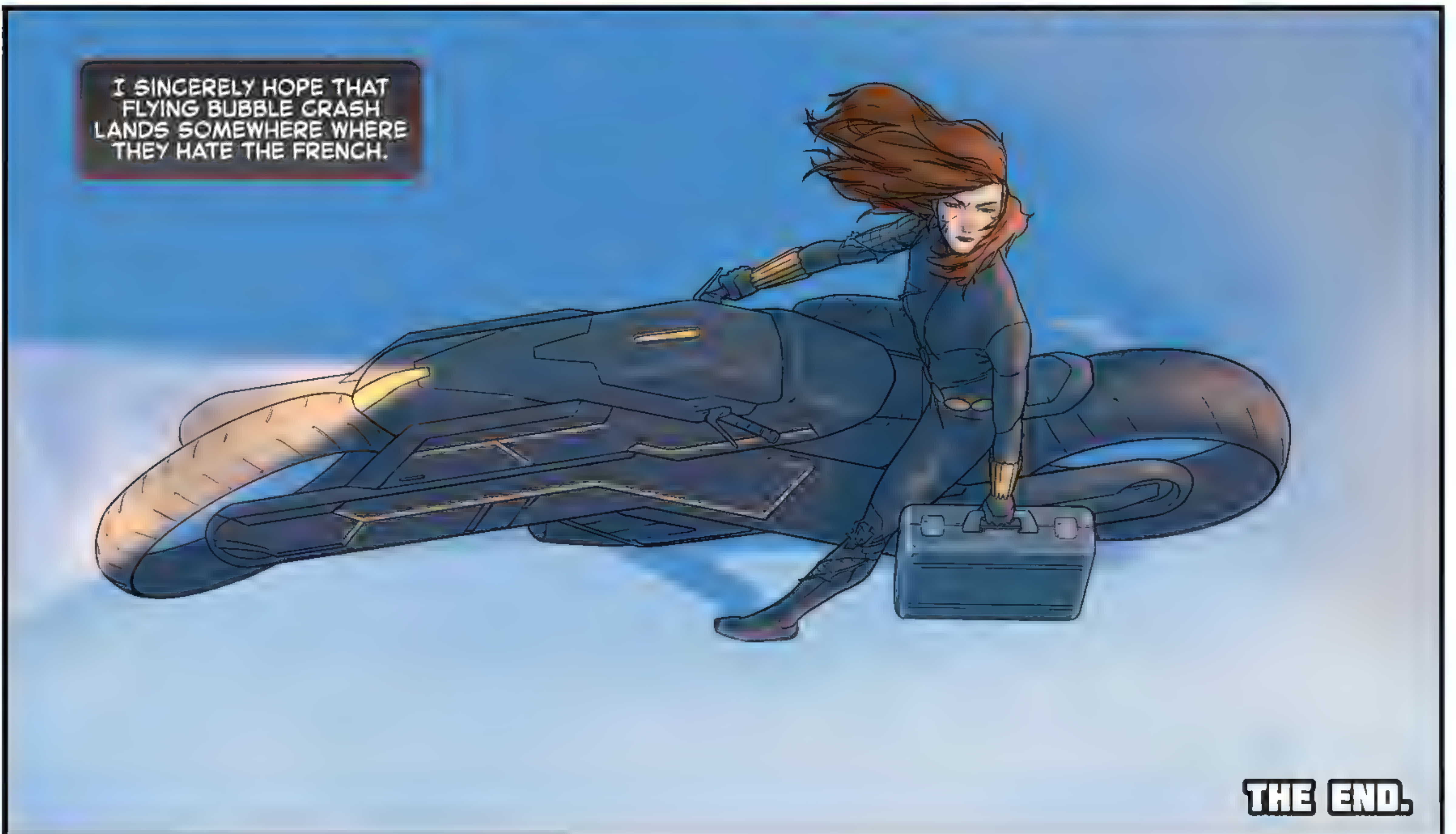


I COULD HAVE
GIVEN YOU THE CASE
BACK IN BESTUZHEV. I
SUPPOSE--BUT I WANTED
TO PROVE I COULD PULL
OFF THE IMPOSSIBLE
THEFT.

AND WHAT AM
I GOING TO DO
WITH RUSSIAN DNA?
IT CLASHES WITH
THE DRAPES!



I SINCERELY HOPE THAT
FLYING BUBBLE CRASH
LANDS SOMEWHERE WHERE
THEY HATE THE FRENCH.



THE END.

10,000
FEET OVER
YELLOWSTONE
NATIONAL
PARK.

I'M FAIRLY
CERTAIN YOU
WON'T NEED THOSE
BACKUP GUNS,
DOMINO.

OR THAT
VERY LARGE
KNIFE.

OR THAT
TASER.

9,950
FEET OVER
YELLOWSTONE
NATIONAL
PARK.

I'LL
TAKE MY
CHANCES,
WITCH.

MIGHT BE THAT
A DOOMSDAY-PREP
COMBAT LOAD MAKES
ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT
CRAWLING THROUGH AN
ALIEN DEATH TRAP.

I'M MASSIVELY
OVERCLOCKING
YOUR LUCK POWERS,
REMEMBER?

THAT, AND
FORGE'S "LUCK
SAW," SHOULD BE
DOOMSDAY PREP
ENOUGH, I
SUSPECT.

SCARLET WITCH:
HIGH-LEVEL PROBABILITY
ALTERATION POWERS.

WHATEVER,
WITCH.

SO,
WHAT'S THE
SITREP ON THIS
FUSTERCLUCK,
AGAIN?

I WAS TOO
BUZZED TO READ
YOUR "HELP-ME"
TEXT ALL THE WAY
THROUGH.

~URPP~

BACKUP
GUN.

DOMINO:
LOWER-LEVEL
PROBABILITY
ALTERATION
POWERS.

BACKUP
GUN.

"LUCK SAW."

VERY LARGE
KNIFE.

TASER.



OH, THAT'S COMFORTING.

THIS ROGUE DERELICT HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF THE CELESTIALS' EXTERMINATION DRONES--

SCARLET WITCH.



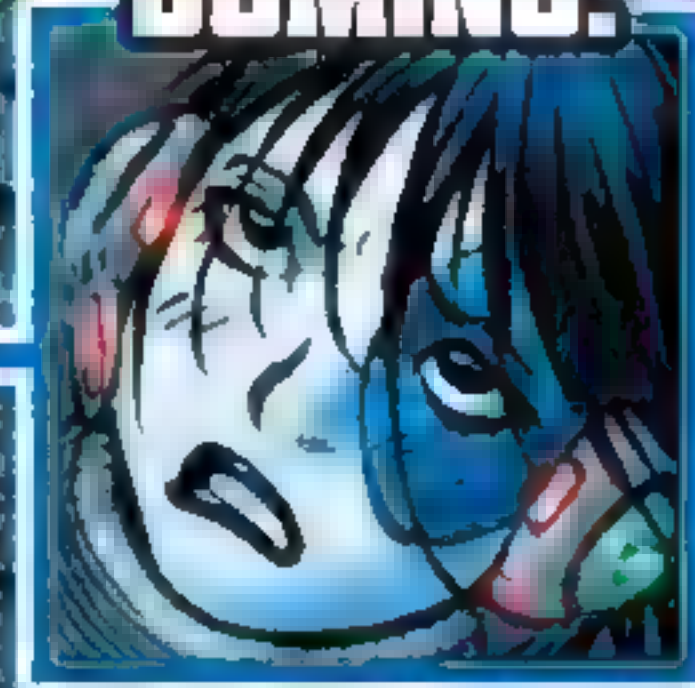
--DESIGNED TO EXPUNGE THEIR FAILED GENETIC EXPERIMENTS--

--BY TRIGGERING EXTINCTION-LEVEL EVENTS WITH MACRO-SCALE PROBABILITY MANIPULATION FIELDS.

HOVERING OVER YELLOWSTONE LIKE THIS--

--THE DRONE MUST BE TRYING TO PROBABILISTICALLY COAX THE DORMANT SUPERVOLCANO INTO A BIOSPHERE-KILLING MEGA-ERUPTION.

DOMINO.



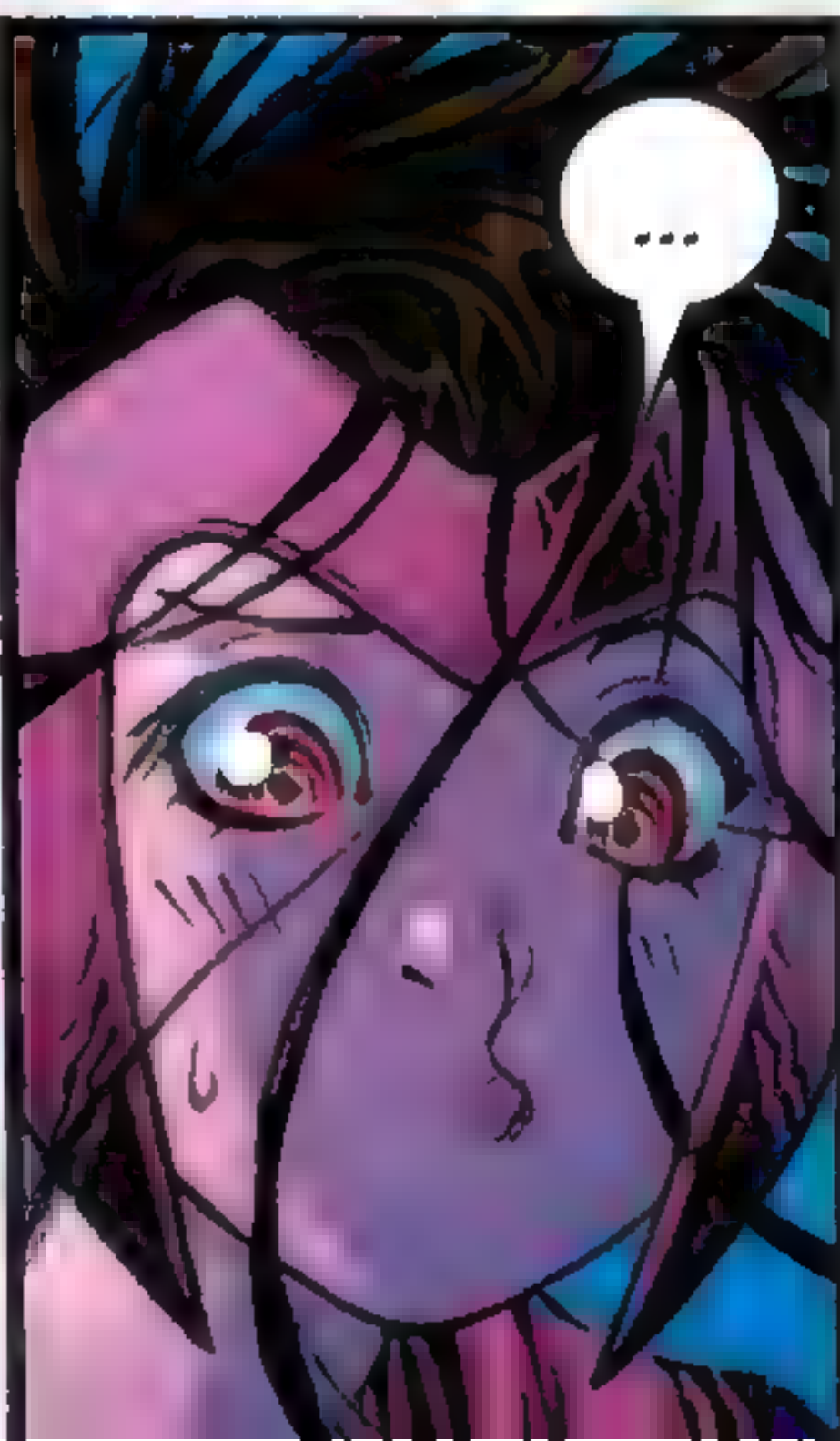
DORMANT YELLOWSTONE SUPERVOLCANO (10,000 FEET BELOW)

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HUH.

SO, WITCH, YOU'RE SAYING THAT HUMANITY IS ABOUT TO BE WIPED OUT BY THE CELESTIALS' RUNAWAY ROOMBA...?

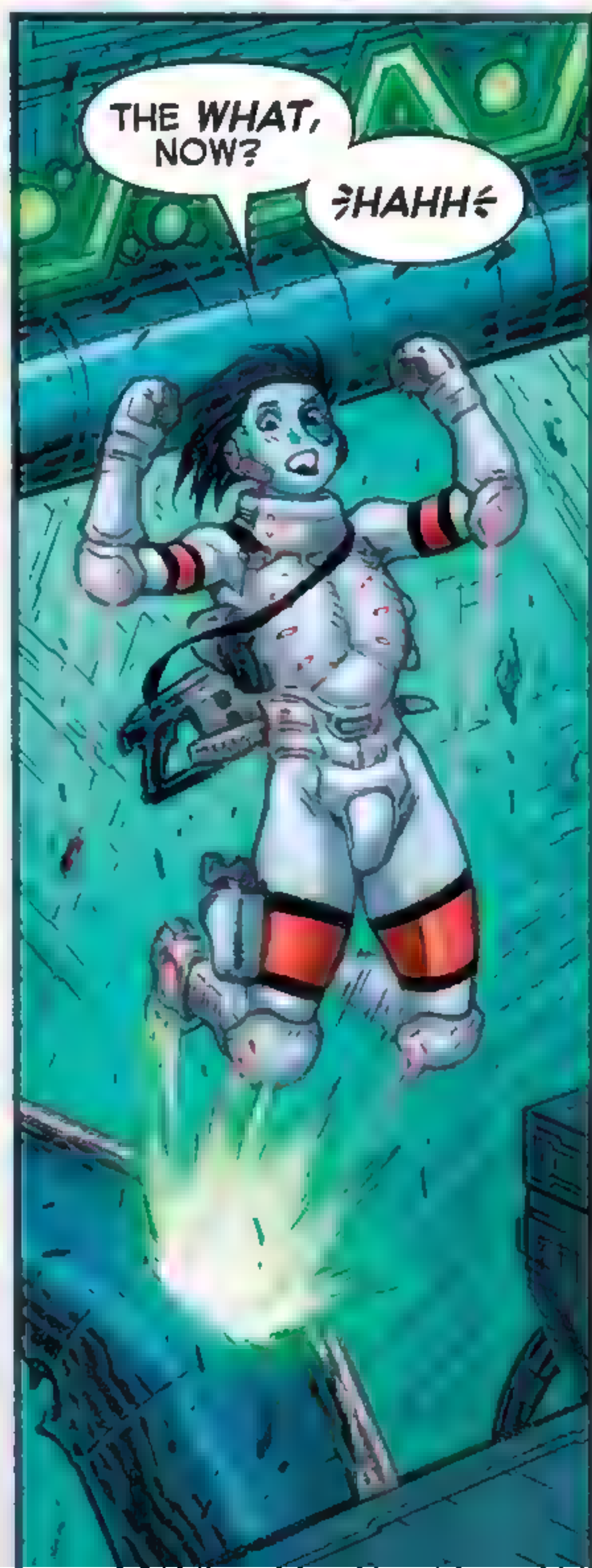
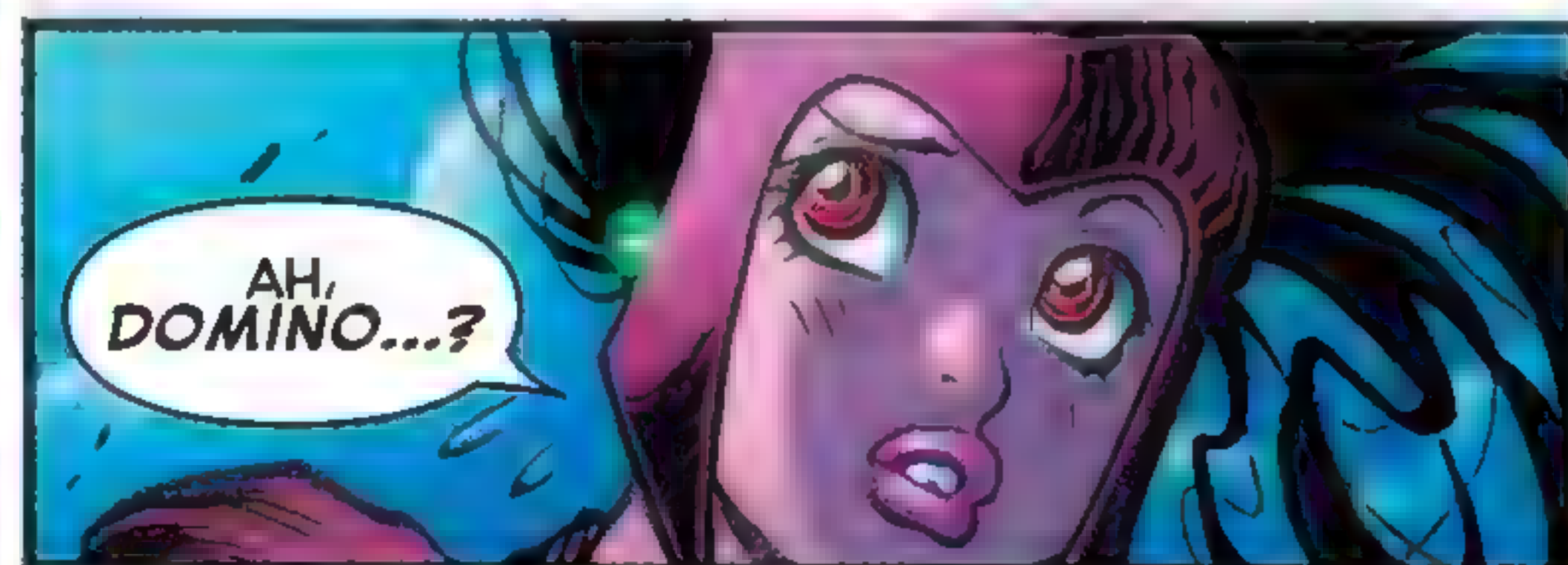
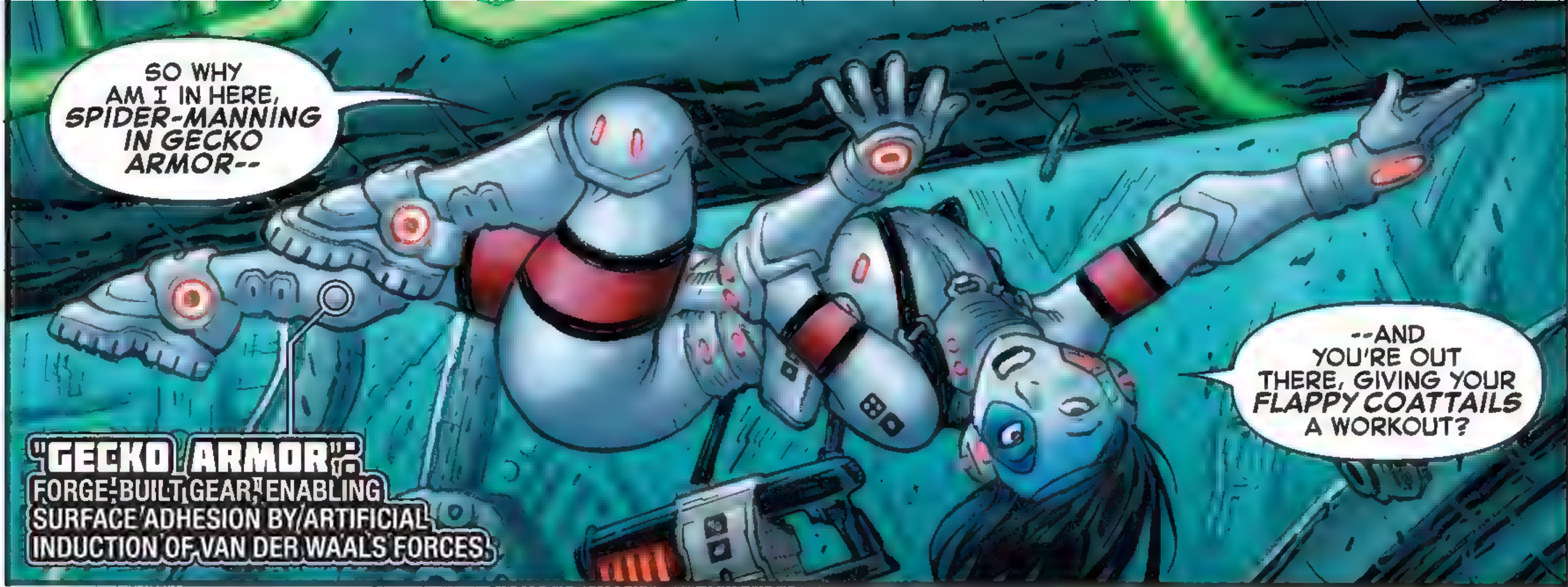


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WHY, YES, DOMINO.

THAT'S IT EXACTLY.





THE DRONE DEFENDS
ITSELF WITH A SHIFTING WEB
OF ENTROPY-MAGNIFYING
PROBABILITY
FIELDS--

--IN WHICH
INORGANIC
MATTER UNDERGOES
SUDDEN STRUCTURAL
FAILURE--

OH.



--AND ORGANISMS SUFFER
SPONTANEOUS CATASTROPHIC
MEDICAL ISSUES,
UNDERSTAND?

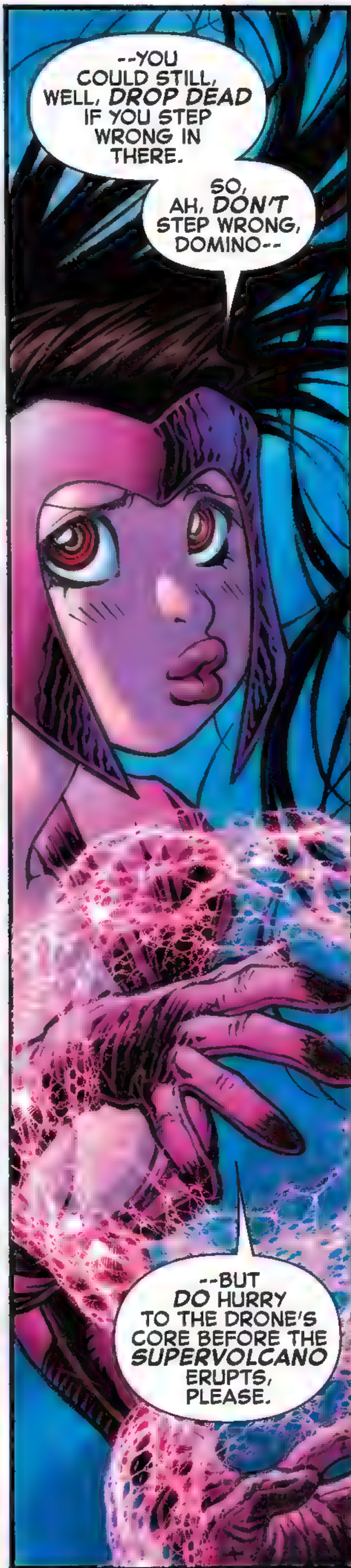
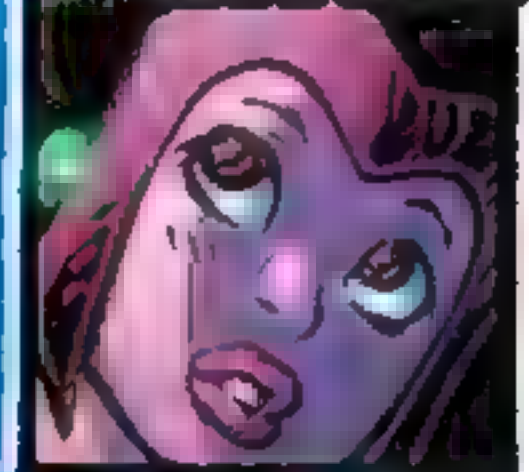
UH OH.



ONLY SUPERNATURALLY
LUCKY GIRLS LIKE US
COULD GET EVEN THIS CLOSE
TO THE DRONE WITHOUT,
SAY, STROKING
OUT--

--BUT
EVEN WITH
ME REMOTELY
BOOSTING
YOUR LUCK
POWERS--

**SCARLET
WITCH**



--YOU
COULD STILL,
WELL, DROP DEAD
IF YOU STEP
WRONG IN
THERE.

SO,
AH, DON'T
STEP WRONG,
DOMINO--

--BUT
DO HURRY
TO THE DRONE'S
CORE BEFORE THE
SUPERVOLCANO
ERUPTS,
PLEASE.



3 MINUTES LATER.

UPDATE,
WITCH.

I'M CUTTING
THROUGH THE
MAIN BULKHEAD
WITH FORGE'S
LUCK SAW.



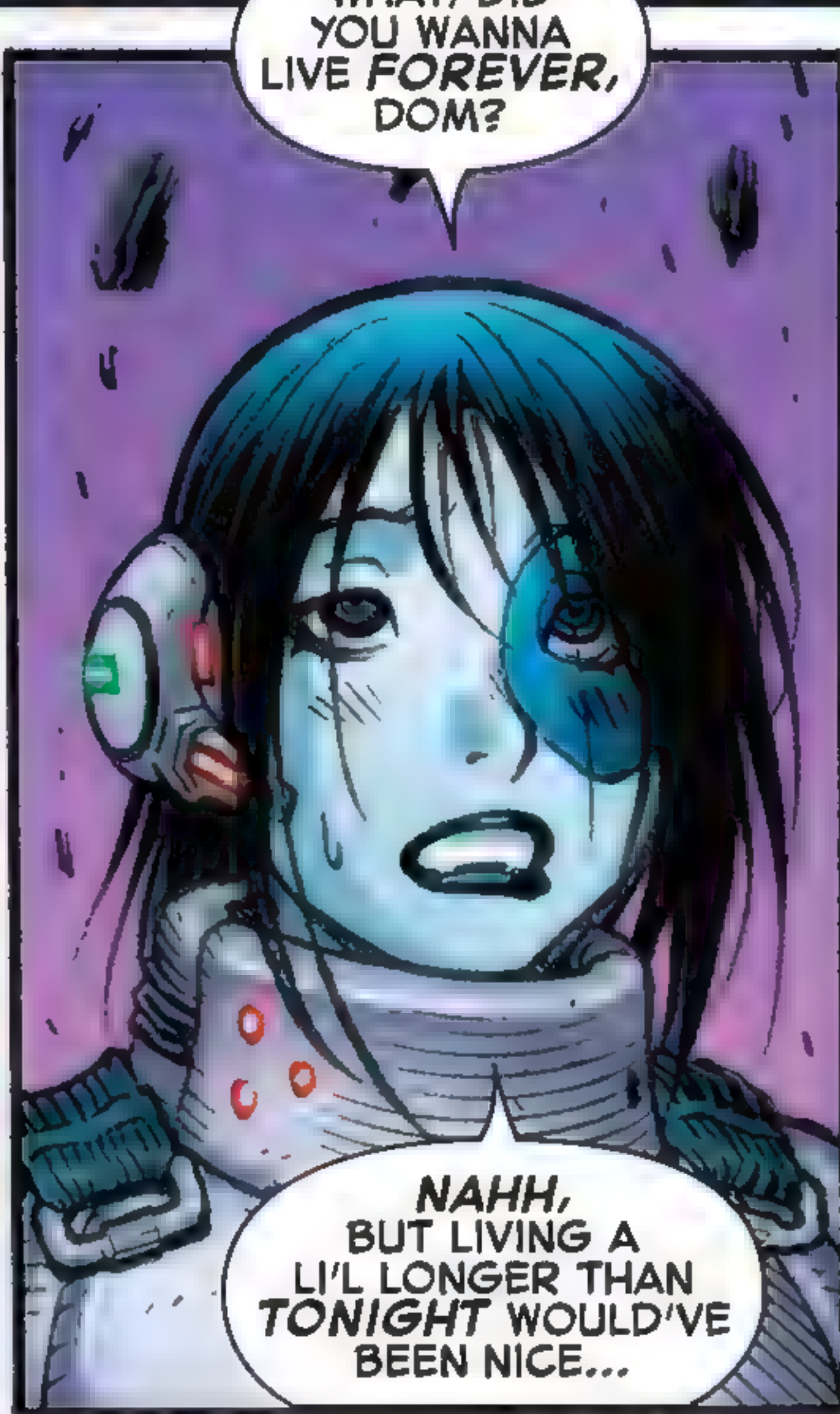
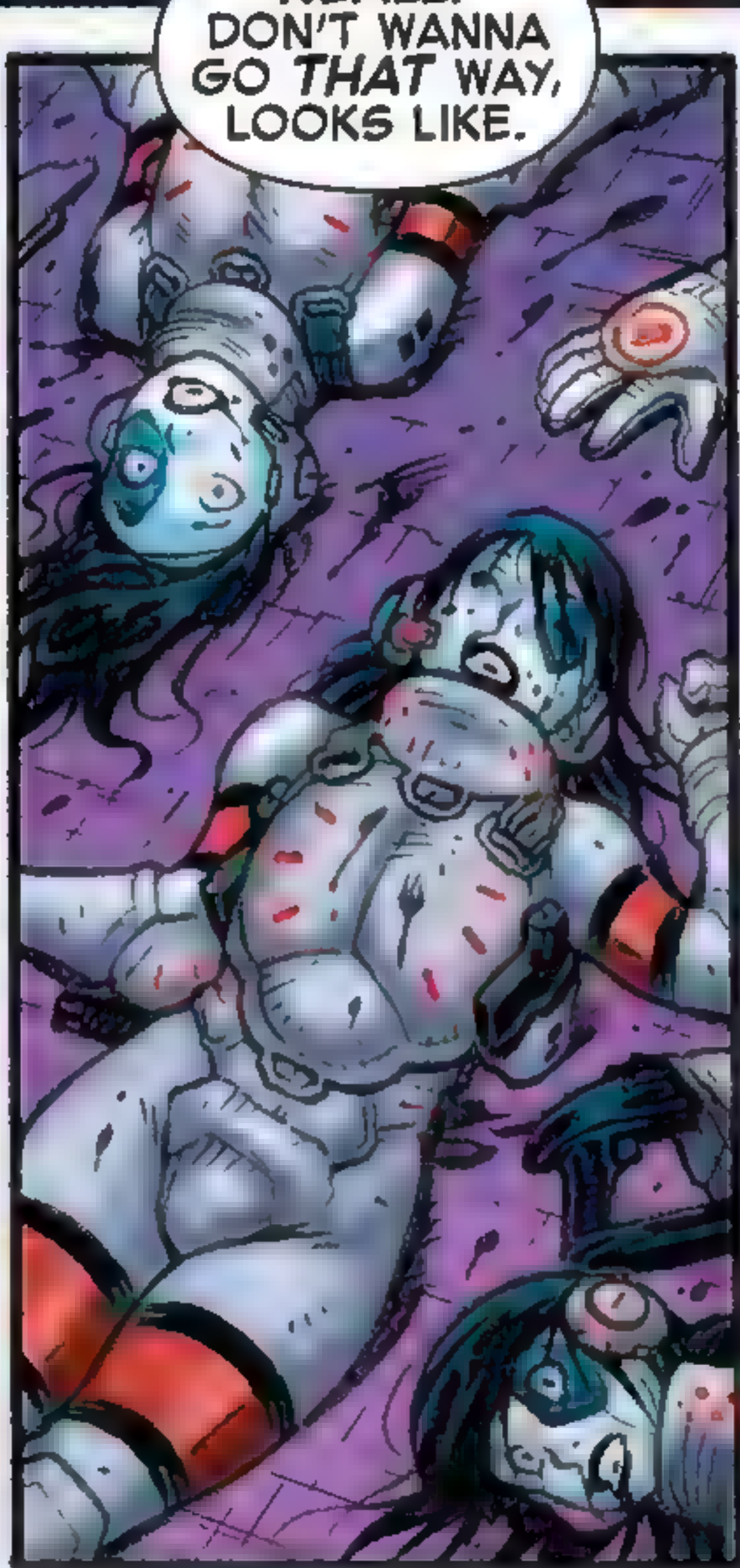
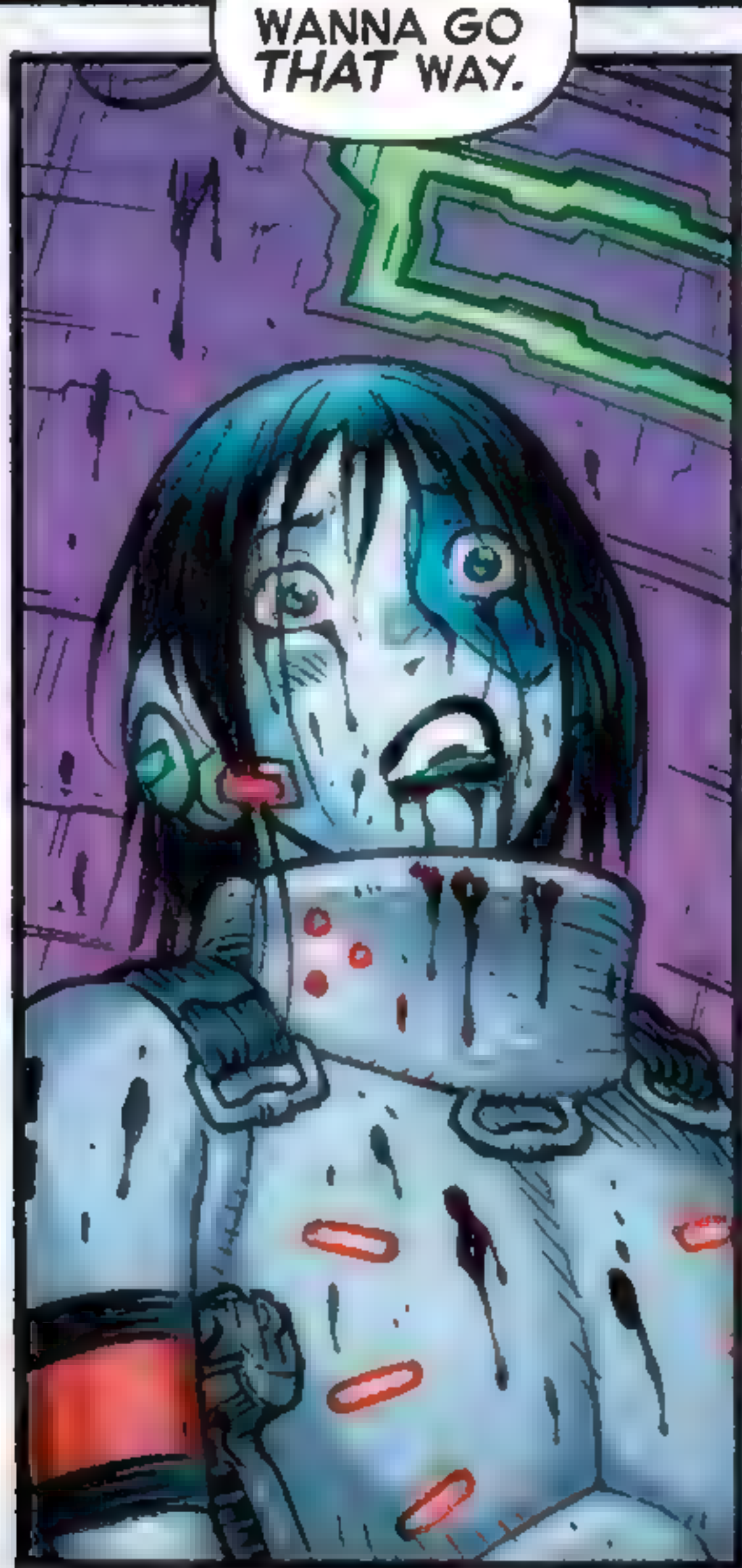
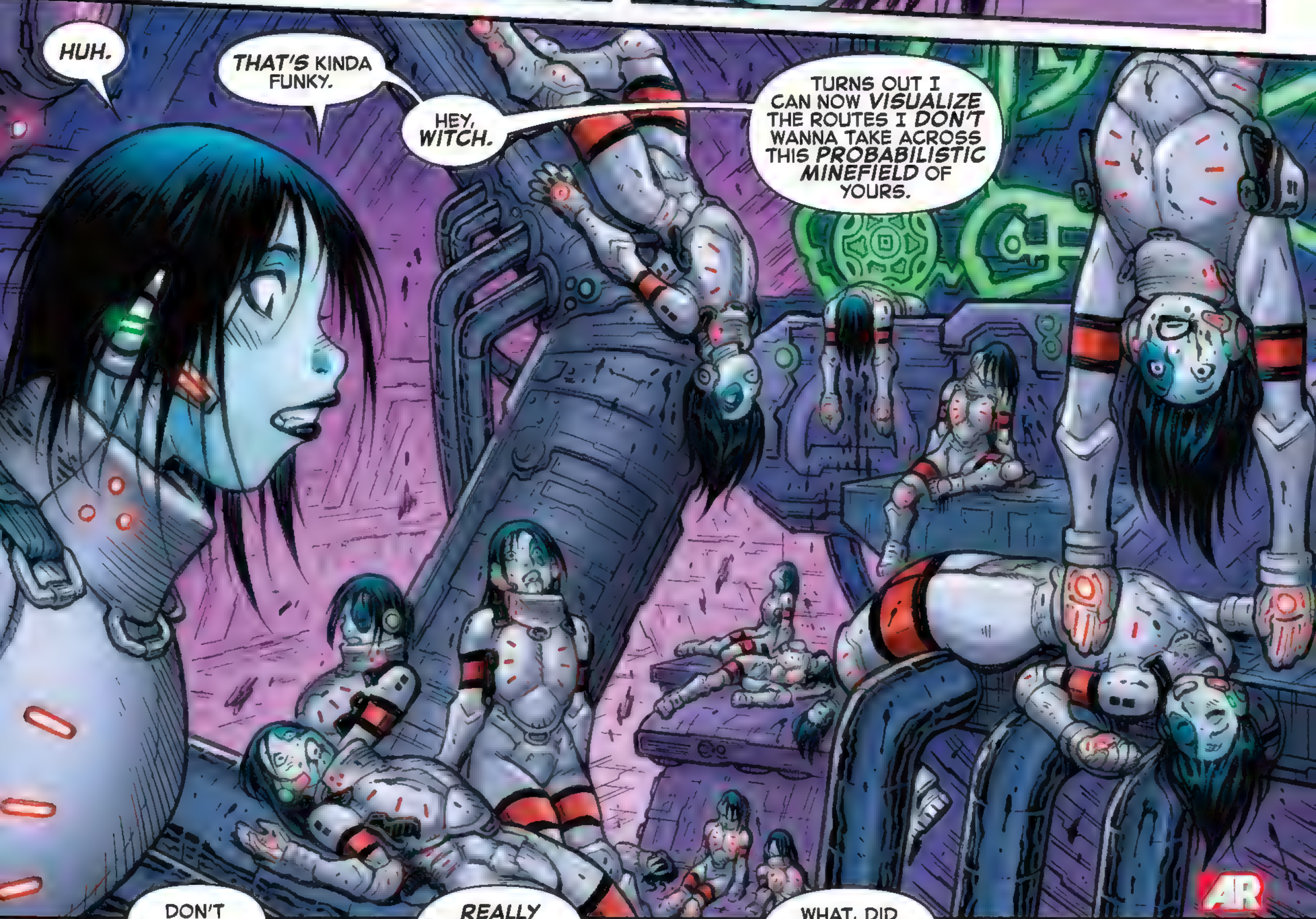
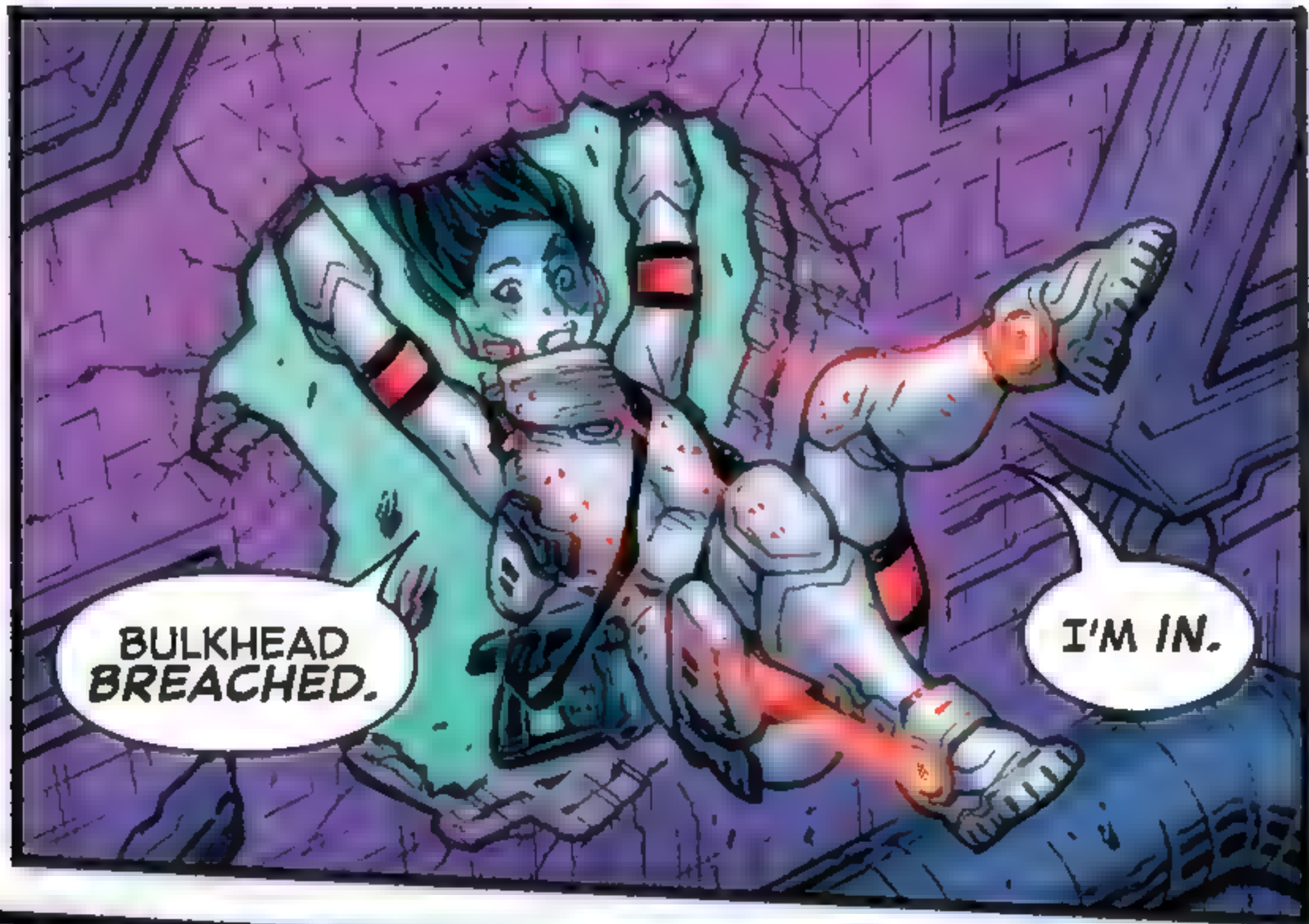
"LUCK SAW" FOCUSES
DOMINO'S WITCH-ENHANCED
PROBABILITY POWERS TO CAUSE
STATISTICALLY ANOMALOUS
STRUCTURAL FAILURE IN
TARGETED MATERIALS.

HERE'S
FREAKISHLY
BAD LUCK RIGHT
BACK ATCHA,
DRONE.

TOO BAD
THIS THING'S
RANGE KINDA
SUCKS...



**MAXIMUM
EFFECTIVE RANGE:
5 FEET**



**5 MINUTES
LATER.**

DOMINO!

**CAN YOU
HEAR ME,
DOMINO?**

**DID YOU
REACH THE
DRONE'S CORE
YET?**

**CAN YOU
DISABLE IT
OR NOT?**

**I CAN'T BLOCK THE
DRONE'S PROBABILITY
FIELDS FROM AWAKENING
THE YELLOWSTONE
SUPERVOLCANO
FOR MUCH
LONGER--!**

**G-GOOD
NEWS, WITCH.**

**M-MADE
IT...TO TH'
CORE.**

~KOFF~

**GOT
GRAZED...BY
A FEW...BAD-LUCK
FIELDS...ON TH'
WAY IN...!**

~KOFF~

**SPONTANEOUS
CARDIOVASCULAR
ACCIDENT.**

**SPONTANEOUS
PULMONARY
EMBOLISM.**

**SPONTANEOUS
MUSCULAR
FIBROSIS.**

**SPONTANEOUS
RUPTURED
APPENDIX.**

**SPONTANEOUS
ACUTE KIDNEY
FAILURE.**

**SPONTANEOUS
OSTEOSARCOMA.**

**SPONTANEOUS
OUTBREAK OF
NECROTIZING
FASCIITIS.**

**SPONTANEOUS
CRITICAL LIMB
ISCHEMIA.**

**SO, YEAH,
I'M LOOKIN' AT
TH' CORE...**

**ANSWER
ME, DOMINO!**



...WHICH I'M
S'POSED T' HIT...
WITH TH' LUCK
SAW, RIGHT...?

BUT
JUDGIN' BY...
TH' GIANT PILES
OF...DEAD ME
I'M SEEIN'...

...STACKED
UP 'ROUND TH'
CORE...LIKE
CORDWOOD...

~KOFF~

CELESTIAL DRONE'S
PROBABILITY-MANIPULATION
ENGINE CORE.

...I CAN'T
POSSIBLY...
GET CLOSE ENOUGH
TO TH' CORE...TO
DO ANYTHING...

...WITHOUT
DROPPIN'
DEAD FIRST...!

~KOFF~

LOOKS LIKE...
TH' MISSION IS...
GENUINELY
IMPOSSIBLE...!

SPONTANEOUS
CEREBRAL
ANEURYSM:
RUPTURING.

~HGKK~

DOMINO:
DECEASED.

"LUCK SAW"
SPONTANEOUSLY
DISINTEGRATING.



THAT, AND FORGE'S "LUCK SAW," SHOULD BE DOOMSDAY PREP ENOUGH, I SUSPECT.

!

8 MINUTES EARLIER.



OH.

OKAY.

I GET IT.

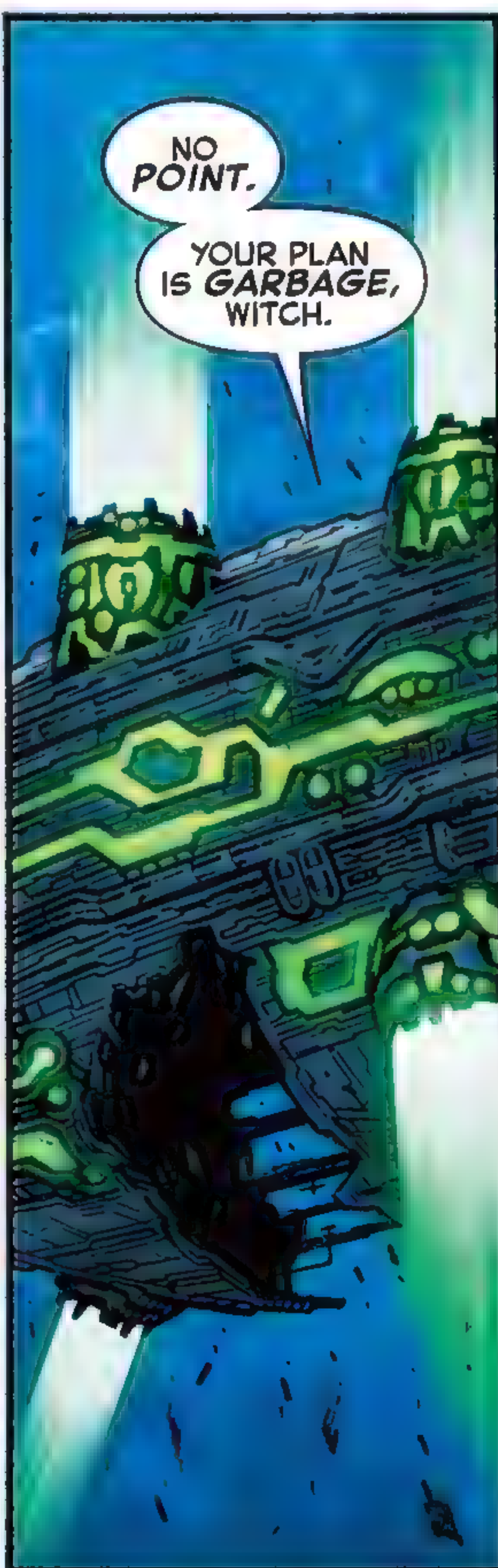
~URPP~



WHAT...WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DOMINO?

GET BACK IN THERE--!

NOPE.



NO POINT.

YOUR PLAN IS GARBAGE, WITCH.



NO CONCEIVABLE WAY I CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE CORE TO DISABLE IT WITH THE SAW.

THAT AIN'T HAPPENING, WITCH.



LISTEN, YOU IDIOT--!

YELLOWSTONE SUPERVOLCANO!

MEGA-ERUPTION!



EXTINCTION-
LEVEL EVENT!

WE
HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING,
OR--

OH,
WE ARE GONNA
DO SOMETHING,
WITCH.

**SCARLET
WITCH:**

FLIGHT-CAPABLE
VIA LOCALIZED
NON-RANDOMIZATION
OF CHAOTIC
AIR-CURRENT
MOTION.

TASER.



HAHH...?

GUHH GUHH GUHH

GUHHH

GUHHH

AND YOU
THOUGHT I
WOULDN'T NEED
A TASER...

**SCARLET
WITCH:**

INCAPABLE OF FLIGHT
IMMEDIATELY AFTER
BEING TASED.

SCARLET WITCH'S POWERS AND
CELESTIAL DRONE'S PROBABILITY
MANIPULATION FIELDS:
INTERACTING.

**IMPROBABILITY FEEDBACK LOOP:
SPAWNING.**

AAA--!

LOCALIZED FABRIC OF REALITY:
UNRAVELING.

LOCALIZED FABRIC OF REALITY:
**SPONTANEOUSLY RE-RAVELING
ITSELF, BUT WITHOUT
CELESTIAL DRONE.**

**SCARLET
WITCH.**

ARE YOU OUT
OF YOUR MIND,
DOMINO?!

THAT--THAT WAS
**GROTESQUELY
IRRESPONSIBLE!**

YOU COULDN'T
POSSIBLY HAVE
KNOWN THAT FEEDBACK
LOOP WOULD ERASE JUST
THE DRONE, AND NOT YOU,
ME, AND THE REST
OF THE UNIVERSE,
TOO!

WHATEVER,
WITCH.

JUST
THOUGHT
I'D TAKE MY
CHANCES,
Y'KNOW?

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE!



